WEATHER FORECAST

For 36 hours ending 5 p.m., Sunday:

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, fine and colder.

Victoria Daily Times

WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Capitol—Big Brother.
Dominion—The Call of the Canyon.
Royal—Sousa and His Band.
Columbia—Stepping Fast.
Playhouse—The Little Minister.

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JAPANESE MINISTERS ADHERE TO DECISION TO GIVE UP OFFICE

Prince Regent Returned Written Resignations to Members of Cabinet, But Premier Tendered Resignations Again; This Means a New Ministry Will Be Formed

Tokio, Dec. 29.—Prince Regent Hirohito this morning returned the resignations of members of the Cabinet presented Thursday, refusing to accept them. Premier Yamamoto tendered the resignations again this afternoon, however, indicating that the Cabinet members do not desire to remain in office.

The resignations were first submitted after the attempt on the life of the Prince Regent made by a young man December 27.

FISHERMEN LOOK FOR BODIES AND WRECK OF GREAT FRENCH AIRSHIP

Rome, Dec. 29.—Fishermen on the Sicilian coast are on the lookout for wreckage from the French dirigible Dixmude and for the bodies of members of her crew. The Italian navy is scouring the seas between the island of Pantelaria, sixty miles from the southwest coast of Sicily, and the mainland of Africa in the hope of finding traces of the ship and her crew.

BELIEVED FIFTY MEN PERISHED

Paris, Dec. 29.—Efforts to clear the mystery of the fate of the dirigible Dixmude had yielded no further results up to this morning. Captain Jobert, the French naval attache in Rome, is due to reach Sciacca, Sicily, to-day to aid the efforts to solve the mystery and recover the bodies of the victims.

At present everyone is convinced that the entire crew of fifty men perished and that the airship itself was destroyed.

One point which is puzzling Marine Department officials is the fact that none of the pigeons which the Dixmude carried has returned.

Lieut. Grenadan's body was found at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, according to the latest information reaching Paris.

The officer's watch had stopped at 2.30 o'clock. This time coincides with the story told by the stationmaster and other employees at the Sciacca railway station, who say that on the morning of December 26 they saw a bright transient gleam in the sky seaward, the origin of which they were unable to explain. Other persons at Sciacca reported that two distinct flames resembling balls of fire disappeared into the waves.

EXPLOSION THEORY

The body of Lieut. Grenadan was wrapped in a heavy fur coat over his uniform. In his pockets, the advices stated, were found a number of undeveloped photographic negatives made during the course of the trip, but no logbook or any documents likely to throw light on the fate of the dirigible. This is causing officials here to believe that the accident which befell the airship was an explosion, as there is nothing to show that before her commander fell there seemed any immediate danger. It is considered possible, however, that the foremost car of the second gondolas attached to the Dixmude, which contained the captain's cabin and the chart and the navigation room, became detached from the airship and fell into the sea, lightening the craft and causing it to rise higher and be carried along by the wind.

Among the objects found on the body were an image of Saint Christopher and a printed prayer by Saint Francis de Sales petitioning for protection and safeguard against shipwreck.

The news of the discovery of the body of Lieut. Grenadan is being withheld from the widow, who is about to become a mother.

MURDERER HACKED VICTIM TO PIECES, THEN WASHED HANDS

Pang Joe Lin, the Colwood Chinese Gardener, Died After Being Struck Twelve Times

Police Unable to Find Motive For Crime; Inquest Held

A verdict of wilful murder by person or persons unknown was returned by the coroner's jury sitting in inquest on the remains of the late Pang Joe Lin, at the B. C. Funeral Furnishing Company's establishment this morning. Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart presided. The inquest developed little that was new, but corroborated the previous conceptions formed by the Provincial Police as to the probable nature of the deed.

In evidence given to-day it developed that Pang Joe Lin, sixty-year-old Chinese market gardener at Colwood, died sometime on the night of Friday, December 21, after a desperate fight. The murdered man raised his arms to cover his head from blows, it was found, the outside of both arms and hands been slashed in many places to the bone. The death blow came with terrific ferocity, splitting the skull from top to base.

A meat cleaver, machinist's hammer and a large two-hitted axe were used in the death grips between the murderer and his victim, all three being found with human hair and blood stains on their surfaces. The murderers stopped to wash his hands, it is thought, from the finding of a bucket of water in which blood traces have been discovered.

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Families Killed by Avalanches in Alps Region

Berne, Dec. 29.—Avalanches are coming down the passes with greater frequency than any time during the last ten years. Many buildings have been destroyed, and in some cases whole families have been killed while asleep.

CANADA'S IMPORTS FROM OLD COUNTRY HAVE INCREASED

Ottawa, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press)—Canadian exports to the United Kingdom in the twelve months ended November 30 totalled $356,538,493, a decrease of $4,470,647 from the year before. Imports from the United Kingdom were $154,854,407, an increase of $18,920,395.

Winter Storms in Austria; Food in Vienna is Dearer

Vienna, Dec. 29.—Severe blizzards continue throughout Austria, hampering communications. Food supplies in Vienna are diminishing and prices are rising rapidly.

PREMIER WILL ANSWER BOWSER

W. J. Bowser's speech in Sidney last night will be answered by Premier Oliver next week when he speaks at a meeting in the same hall which the Opposition Leader used for his attack on the administration of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway. The Premier decided to-day to go out to Sidney to answer Mr. Bowser after he had seen reports of the Conservative chief's address.

"If these reports are correct Mr. Bowser's statements are not founded on fact," the Premier declared to-day. "However, I shall answer them fully in Sidney."

M. B. Jackson, Liberal member of The Islands in which Sidney is situated, is arranging for the Premier's meeting. The Premier suggested next Thursday or Friday as a suitable date for the meeting, Thursday, being more suitable to the public generally, probably will be selected.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES FOLLOWS INQUIRY

"Doc" Smith, of R.C.M.P., Makes Claim Against Rev. Dr. Clem Davies

Remarks Complained of Made at Anti-Narcotic Meeting

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—Damages for slander are claimed by John Patrick ("Doc") Smith, of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, from Rev. Clem Davies, of Victoria, B. C., in a writ issued out of the Supreme Court registry here by Messrs. Reid, Wallbridge, Douglas & Gibson.

The remarks about which "Doc" Smith complains were passed, it is alleged, on December 9 at a meeting in Victoria called to consider narcotic drug matters and the inquiry conducted by Commissioner J. P. Smith, K. C.

Dr. Davies, when informed by The Times to-day of the slander suit against him, said he would make no statement at this time.

Tobacco Was Loot of Bandits in New York City To-day

New York, Dec. 29.—With crowds pressing about them, three automobile bandits forced a truck driver and his helper to abandon a $26,000 cargo of tobacco belonging to Lorillard & Company while it was being conveyed through the congested East Side to-day. One of the trio drove away the truck, which was later found empty and abandoned. The truck driver and his companion were forced into the bandits' machine and taken far up town and "dumped."

Tunnel Under St. Lawrence at Montreal Planned

Quebec, Dec. 29.—It is reported United States capital interests are studying the feasibility of constructing a tunnel under the St. Lawrence River from the mainland to the Island of Montreal, and that incorporation of a company will be sought at the present session of the Legislature of Quebec.

Venizelos Is on Way To Athens to Study Political Situation

Paris, Dec. 29.—M. Venizelos, former Premier of Greece, left Paris for Athens last night. He had evaded the newspapermen by announcing that his departure had been postponed.

The extreme caution with which the movements of M. Venizelos were surrounded was explained in Greek circles close to the former Premier as due to the fact that the bitter animosities aroused by the Greek domestic political troubles have not yet been appeased. The statesman was said to be quite sure there was a formidable minority, if not an actual majority against him in Greece at this time.

EXCITEMENT EXPECTED

Considerable fear is entertained in these quarters that the most excitable elements among the one-time partisans of the late King Constantine, unforgetful of their hatred for that monarch's chief political enemy, may get out of control, although the more reasonable leaders of the Constantine party are disposed now to accept the leadership of Venizelos.

Hence the departure from Paris of the former Premier was attended with all possible secrecy and his arrival in Athens will be just as quiet. Friends of Venizelos are quite sceptical as to the success of any political action he will take in Athens. It is pointed out that if he advocates maintenance of the royalist regime, which he is known to favor, he will antagonize the most violent elements of the country.

On the other hand, there is much doubt, in the opinion of those observers, as to whether the result of the recent elections should be taken as a fair expression of public opinion in favor of a republic. The confusion in Greece, they say, is such that a man even of the strength of Venizelos may be unable to find a solution of the situation now.

Schooner Crew Was Rescued by Atlantic Ship

Halifax, Dec. 29.—The crew of the three-masted British schooner Czarina, dismasted and sinking 150 miles off Newfoundland, has been rescued by the British steamship Cairnmona, according to messages received from the Cape Race wireless station to-day.

The Czarina was en route from St. Johns to Pernambuco.

The Cairnmona's destination is Portland, Maine.

JOINS REVOLUTIONISTS

Copenhagen, Dec. 29.—Herman Busserer, Mexican Consul here, announced this morning that he would leave for Mexico to-day to join the revolutionists.

REPORTED ITALIAN WARSHIP WENT DOWN AFTER A COLLISION

London, Dec. 29.—A special dispatch from Constantinople says it is reported that the Isonzo, which is described as an Italian flagship, foundered at Zongouldwa after a collision with another vessel during a storm.

No Italian warship of that name is listed in available naval registers.

J. H. CRAKE, OF TORONTO DIED

Toronto, Dec. 29.—J. Housty Crake, M.A., Vice-Principal and Dean of Residence of Upper Canada College, died suddenly yesterday.

VOTERS DETERMINE FATE OF AMUSEMENT CENTRE AGREEMENT

Poll To-day on By-law to Ratify Contract With Canadian Pacific Railway; Result Will Be Quickly Known

Victorians went to the poll to-day in glorious Winter weather to vote upon the Amusement Centre by-law. This measure will ratify an agreement between the city and the Canadian Pacific Railway to build and furnish premises on the Stadium site, such undertaking to be continuously operated for twenty years, and construction on the first unit to begin by December 1, 1924, at a cost of not less than $200,000.

The citizens were able to express their opinion more simply than had at first been expected owing to legislative power being secured to group the various franchises involved in the bargain into one issue, instead of four, as had been expected when the subject was originally negotiated.

The poll took place at the building on the northwest corner of Government and Johnson Streets, Returning Officer Scowcroft having named E. P. Kay as the deputy returning officer.

COMMITTEE ACTIVE

To facilitate the expression of opinion on the by-law the Citizens' Committee who had organized the support for the measure had established committee rooms in the Westholme Hotel block, and had a sufficient supply of motor cars. To the surprise of the committee, due probably to the beautiful weather, there was an astonishing call for cars for the women voters, and it is expected their vote will be much heavier than at the annual election two weeks ago.

NUMBER OF VOTERS

Estimates of the number of voters who will poll vary with the optimism of the speaker, but at the committee rooms it was expected 4,000 would be an exceptional figure, W. G. Gaunce, the chairman, thinking that estimate will scarcely be reached. There are 11,700 electors on the roll, of whom 1,700 will not have a vote to-day, being either householders or licenseholders. Of the 10,000 property owners, at least 2,000 are non-resident, leaving about 8,000 available votes. Under the circumstances it will surprise officials and the committee if half the number can be induced to vote.

The count will be made promptly, and should be known by 8 o'clock. The poll will close at 7 o'clock.

Bank in Chicago Suburb Was Robbed; Thugs Fired Shots

Chicago, Dec. 29.—In Wild Western style, four armed robbers invaded the Summit State Bank of Summit, Illinois, a suburb, to-day, firing their revolvers as they entered, and carried away between $15,000 and $18,000, virtually all the currency in the bank, according to information received by the police. One person was reported wounded.

$20,000 Worth of Whisky Taken by Chicago Bandits

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Six armed bandits entered the Illinois Wholesale Drug and Manufacturing Company's plant to-day, bound, and gagged a sixteen-year-old youth acting as watchman and stole $20,000 worth of whisky.

MAN WEARING SUIT COVERED WITH SPIKES IS TO HUNT WOLVES

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 29.—Railwaymen running between Port Arthur and Atikokan, Ont., have brought the information that the Minneapolis man, H. Larsen, who some time ago announced that he would don a suit of spiked armor and kill Canadian wolves, has arrived in Aikokan and is awaiting to hear of a big pack before he goes into the forest.

The suit in which he proposes to hunt timber wolves is said to be on exhibition in an Aikokan store. It is made of tough leather into which have been rivetted spikes. The spikes are thicker about the neck of the suit and around the body. When in the suit, the wearer resembles a porcupine.

Several Killed in Italy To-day by an Explosion

Palermo, Italy, Dec. 29.—Several persons are reported to have been killed by an explosion in a powder magazine at Mondello, near here. Enormous damage resulted.

BUILDING TOTAL IN VICTORIA AREA PASSES $1,600,000

City Figures Sustain Good Record of Past Four Years

Bridge Construction and District Permits Add Over Half Million

Building construction in Victoria and the three adjacent municipalities, apart from the large outlay in the current financial year on the Esquimalt Drydock, reached a total of about $1,600,000.

The city figures were $1,049,081, divided between 395 permits, as compared with $1,032,094 in 1922, with 451 permits, and as compared with $977,167 in 1921, and $1,147,572 in 1920. From 1915 to 1919 inclusive, during the period covered by the war, the figures annually did not exceed half a million dollars.

The principal permits issued this year were for the Bank of Montreal, Douglas Street, extension of premises, $130,000; Bank of Nova Scotia, new building, $117,000; Jubilee Hospital, East Wing (part of contract), $132,910; Canadian Pacific Marine Building, $167,000, and Anglican Memorial Hall, $65,000.

The permits in Saanich were $153,224 this year, and in Oak Bay $131,933, the building in Esquimalt being small apart from the drydock, only about $15,000.

To these figures should be added the Johnson Street Bridge construction in the city, for which the conditions are exceptional, and do not figure in the building records. Of

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OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

London, Dec. 29.—League football games played to-day resulted as follows:

ENGLISH LEAGUE

First Division

Arsenal 1, Chelsea 0.
Aston Villa 2, Cardiff City 1.
Blackburn R. 1, Huddersfield 0.
Bolton W. 2, Everton 0.
Burnley 1, Preston N.E. 0.
Liverpool 2, Westham 0.
Manchester C. 3, West Bromwich A. 3.
Notts F. 0, Newcastle 0.
Sheffield U. 0, Middlesboro 1.
Sunderland 1, Notts C. 1.
Tottenham 1, Birmingham 1.

Second Division

Barnsley 1, Clapton Orient 0.
Blackpool 1, Nelson 1.
Bradford C. 0, Manchester U. 0.
Bristol C. 1, Stoke 1.
Coventry 0, Crystal Palace 0.
Derby C. 1, The Wednesday 1.
Fulham 0, Oldham A. 1.

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RESIGNS HIS POST AT WASHINGTON; SIR A. GEDDES

HOWARD MAY SUCCEED GEDDES

British Ambassador to the United States Resigns

Present Ambassador to Spain May be Named

Washington, Dec. 29.—Sir Auckland Geddes has resigned as British Ambassador to the United States.

The resignation is understood to be due wholly to the Ambassador's failing health, which has made of him virtually an invalid for several months. He is at present in England and had intended to sail for the United States next week to resume his post.

Officials both at the State Department and the British Embassy declined to-day to discuss the matter, but there have been intimations in official circles that Sir Esme Williams Howard, now British Ambassador to Spain, would succeed Sir Auckland here in the event of the latter's retirement.

AUSTRALIA'S WHEAT CROP INCREASED

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Australia's wheat crop for 1923-24, mainly cut in December, is estimated at 122,000,000 bushels, according to reports received here. This is an increase of 15,000,000 bushels over last year.

BELIEVED VESSEL SANK IN BLACK SEA

Conejos, U.S. Ship, Carried Crew of Thirty-Five

No Trace of Men Has Been Found

London, Dec. 29.—It is feared that the United States Shipping Board steamship Conejos has foundered in the Black Sea, inasmuch as ships sent to her assistance report no trace even of her lifeboats. Nothing has been heard of her since the Constantinople agent of the Board relayed an S.O.S. message stating she was sinking. The Shipping Board vessel Clontarf is scouring the Black Sea in the vicinity of Batum, in the hope of picking up the captain and crew of the Conejos, numbering thirty-five men.

The Conejos, which registered 3,110 tons net, was proceeding from Poti, north of Batum, for New York, with a cargo of manganese ore valued at $250,000.

Men of Cruising War Vessels Are Popular Cape Town Visitors

Cape Town, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press Cable)—Since the arrival here December 22 of the British naval squadron which is making a cruise of the Empire, the officers and sailors of the squadron have proved most popular visitors.

The visit naturally has brought into the limelight the question of South Africa's coastal defence development and the sense of responsibility on the part of the British and Dutch people. The suggestion, however, that the Union of South Africa should possess and man a cruiser will likely be considered to be an enormous undertaking at present

118,091 IMMIGRANTS CAME TO CANADA IN EIGHT-MONTH PERIOD

Immigration From British Isles Alone Greater Than Total From All Countries Last Year; Movement From United States Ten Per Cent. Below Figure For Corresponding Part of 1922

Ottawa, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press)—Immigration figures issued to-day covering the eight months of the fiscal year ended November 30 last show a remarkable increase over the corresponding period of last year. The total number of immigrants who came to Canada from all countries during the eight-month period last year was 56,882, while this year the immigration from the British Isles alone was greater than that and the immigration from all countries, totaling 118,091, was more than double. The number of immigrants from the British Isles in the 1922 period was only 27,262.

Immigration from the United States shows a ten per cent. decrease this year as compared with last. During the eight-month period last year 18,040 immigrants came to Canada from the United States. Thus far this year only 16,207 have come across.

From other countries 39,491 immigrants have come to Canada thus far this fiscal year, as against 11,580 during the eight-month period a year ago. This is an increase of 240 per cent.

FIRE VICTIM DIED TO-DAY

S. Lacoursiere Succumbs Following Gasoline Lamp Explosion

Painfully burned when a gasoline lamp he was refilling exploded at his home on the West Saanich Road on Thursday evening, Stephen Lacoursiere, thirty, passed away at the St. Joseph's Hospital this morning. Death came at 11 a.m. after every effort had been made to help the victim of the tragedy. His brother, Herbert Lacoursiere, also in hospital, is reported as slightly improved to-day. The brothers were painfully burned when the oil lamp exploded, throwing flames over the floor and causing the destruction of the home.

Stephen Lacoursiere is survived by his father, A. Lacoursiere, Saanichton; two brothers, Albert and Herbert, and two sisters, Mrs. E. Broadfoot and Miss Lacoursiere, all of Victoria. He was born in Saanichton thirty years ago, and was widely known to a large circle of friends. The funeral will take place from the Sands Funeral Chapel on Monday, the cortege leaving for the West Saanich Catholic Chapel at 9.30. High mass will be sung at 10.30.

The passing of Stephen Lacoursiere will be widely regretted. Death came as the result of injuries received while the three brothers were met together for the first Christmas reunion in many years.

LIQUOR EXPORTS HAVE INCREASED

But Canada's Imports Have Fallen During Last Three Years

Ottawa, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press)—The value of liquor imported into Canada fell off during the last three years, but exportation during that period shows a remarkable increase, according to an official report. In the twelve months ended with November, Canada imported $20,428,000 worth of liquor, as against $22,290,000 worth in 1922 and $37,157,000 in 1921.

The report indicates that in the period under consideration in 1921, liquors totalling $1,505,000 were exported, as against $5,154,000 in 1922, and $12,261,000 in 1923. All exports increased from 372,000 gallons in 1921 to 1,309,000 in 1922 and 2,767,000 in 1923. Whiskey exports soared from 211,000 gallons in 1921 to 301,000 in 1922 and 1,004,000 in 1923.

SAME RACE MIXTURE RULES U.S. DESTINY, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

Former British Premier Tells of Common British and American Ideals

Irish Settlement Removes Great Cause of Misunderstanding, He Finds

BY THE RIGHT HONORABLE DAVID LLOYD GEORGE, O.M., M.P. (Former British Premier)

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LONDON, Dec. 29.—In the exigencies of an unexampled political crisis I am unable to write fully of my American trip. I propose here to note two or three vivid, although unconnected recollections of the journey.

To begin with, there comes my first acquaintanceship with American and Canadian audiences. They are undoubtedly among the best in the world. Americans and Canadians are good listeners. They make the kind of audience that an intelligent democracy ought to produce. They give you the impression that they want to hear what is to be said for the point of view and that they will pay the same attention to a statement of the opposite case before they decide.

SEEK MORE THAN MERE WEALTH

I was particularly delighted with the audiences in the middle West. There was evident anxiety to find out what were the real facts about Europe and an earnest desire to pursue the right policy at whatever cost. I was much struck by the note of downright earnestness amongst the people of the middle West. They seek wealth there with persistent skill and an indomitable enterprise. But those who think the formidable people who throng the Mississippi Valley are thinking only of riches do them a great injustice. The readiness and liberality with which they give of their store to churches, institutions, and causes is without parallel in any other country in the world. The things that are unseen have a great appeal to them, and on sufficient cause shown they are capable of making every sacrifice to respond to a call which they feel comes from on high.

LOOKS FOR LEADERSHIP

When America is convinced that it is her duty to save Europe from ruin and that by intervening she can save this distracted continent, America will take the task in hand—and not till then. Self-interest alone will not move America to action. There must be some impulse of more exalted character. But like all national movements, it is largely a question of leadership. A great leadership could set America going to-morrow on an irresistible crusade. Will it come? I saw many exceptionally able men, and I heard a good deal of others. Is there one of them with

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Two Women at Dance in Hungary Killed by Bomb

Budapest, Dec. 29.—A bomb was hurled yesterday among the crowded dancers at a Jewish women's charity ball in Chongrad, Southern Hungary, killing two women and wounding forty. The bombers, who tossed their missiles through a window, are suspected of being members of the Awakening Magyars Association, an anti-Jewish organization.

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OBITUARY

The remains of the late Mrs. Mabel Joseph will be laid to rest on Monday morning. The cortege will proceed from the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, at 8.45 o'clock and fifteen minutes' service will be held at the St. Joseph's Church, Esquimalt, when the Rev. Father John F. Silver will officiate.

Service will be held at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon for the late Mrs. Annie Robson. Rev. F. H. Fatt will officiate, after which the remains will be forwarded to Mayne Island, where interment will be made in the family plot.

The death occurred at St. Joseph's Hospital early this morning of Mrs. Maria Keappock, aged seventy-three years, of 2672 Cranmore Road. Born in Ireland and a resident of this city for thirty years, deceased was widow of the late Michael Keappock. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. G. H. Haynes, and Mrs. W. W. Burden, both of Victoria; three sons, Joseph, of Seattle; Thomas, of Victoria, and Michael, of Vancouver. The funeral will take place on Wednesday from the B. C. Funeral Chapel at 8.45, and mass will be said at St. Andrew's Cathedral at 9 o'clock. Interment will be in Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Hockley took place yesterday afternoon at her late residence at Langford, where service was conducted by the Rev. H. Pearson. Many friends attended, and the casket and hearse were covered with flowers. Interment was made at Colwood Cemetery. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. J. C. Thom, D. B. F. Bullen, G. T. Phipps and H. A. Hincks.

There passed away yesterday morning at her residence, 66 Moss Street, Miss Susie Ambler, aged sixty-six years. She was born in Stratford, Ontario, and had resided in Victoria for the past thirty years. The deceased is survived by one sister, Miss Mary Ambler, in the United States; one niece, Miss E. M. Ambler, in Victoria, and two brothers, Benjamin and David Ambler, in Alberta. The remains are resting at the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Company, where service will be held on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Sipprell will officiate, and interment will be made in the family plot at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of Joyce Florence Upward, the six years and four months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Upward, of 2765 Rosebery Avenue, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were present and the floral tributes were many and beautiful. Rev. William Stevenson officiated and the hymns sung were "Jesus Loves Me" and "Jesus Wants Me for a Sunbeam." The pallbearers were: Misses Constance Jacob and May Jacob, Mr. Cecil Jones, all cousins of the little girl, and Mr. Joseph Toneri. The remains were laid to rest at Ross Bay Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mistu Ishii, wife of Mr. K. Ishii, of 1134 Yates Street, took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel. Relatives and many friends were present and the many beautiful flowers testified to the high esteem in which the deceased lady was held. Rev. S. Nakaishi officiated and the remains were forwarded on the afternoon boat to Seattle, where cremation will take place.

INVENTOR MAKES CLAIMS FOR NEW THERMOPHONE

New York, Dec. 29.—Dr. Lee de Forrest, radio inventor, announced to-day development of a thermophone, which he claims not only rivals the ultra audible microphone invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas in recording sounds too rapid or too faint for the human ear to catch, but also is of greater practicability because of the extreme low voltage required.

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DISCUSS CHOICE OF LORD CHANCELLOR

British Observers Speculate on Appointment by Ramsay Macdonald

Patrick Hastings Mentioned For Attorney-Generalship

London, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press Cable)—In legal circles there is considerable speculation as to what Ramsay Macdonald is likely to do in the matter of law officers and their emoluments when he becomes Prime Minister.

The Lord Chancellor draws £10,000 a year, which has to satisfy all his requirements. If he retires he draws a pension of £5,000 a year. Lord Birkenhead, who was Lord Chancellor in the Coalition Government of Lloyd George, has stated that he is now sacrificing £20,000 yearly by observing the rule under which a former Lord Chancellor does not return to the ordinary practice of his profession.

LORD HALDANE

Lord Haldane, although he has been slated by political prophets for the Lord Chancellorship in the prospective Labor Government, might very possibly decline to resume the woolsack because his health has been poor for some time.

Sir John Sankey, a judge of the King's Bench Division, may possibly be approached with a view to his appointment to the Lord Chancellorship. He has shown considerable sympathy toward the aspirations of the Labor Party, and is regarded by the party as a loyal adherent to its policy of nationalization since he acted as president of the commission of inquiry into the coal situation four years ago.

ATTORNEY-GENERAL

Patrick Hastings, K.C., a noted counsel, will probably become Attorney-General in the Labor Government, and if so would draw £7,000 and also fees which would amount to another £10,000.

Who will be the next Solicitor-General and draw £6,000 and fees amounting to another £6,000 more is quite a problem, and so far no one has been prominently mentioned for the office.

POINT OF ATTACK

Ramsay Macdonald will find the appointment of the law officers a most vulnerable point of attack on him when he becomes the head of the Government. Theer are members of both the older parties who long have been sarcastic over what they consider the excessive emoluments paid law officers of the crown.

EUROPE LAND OF MAN'S ORIGIN

Declaration Made by Dr. Hrdlicka at American Association Meeting

Cincinnati, Dec. 29.—Man, although the product of evolution, did not descend directly from the ape of today and had his origin in Europe 400,000 years ago instead of in Asia as generally is believed, Dr. Ales Hrdlicka, of the National Museum, Washington, D.C., a leading anthropologist, declared before the American Association for the Advancement of Science in convention here yesterday.

The relationship of the existing ape to man probably is that of a "cousin," Dr. Hrdlicka said, the two having sprung from branches of the same family hundreds of thousands of years ago. "If we went far enough back, however, both probably would be found to have had their origin in the state of a simple, double molecule," he added.

The development of the human race he pictured as similar to that of a tree, all of which is the product of a central trunk. Man, he said, might be compared to the top, which had grown and developed to the supreme point, while all the branches and offshoots could be considered as the lower animals, all originating from a common source but developing along different lines.

PERIOD OF TRANSITION

While some sort of anthropoid or manlike ape probably was the precursor of the present human race, Dr. Hrdlicka said, there must have been a transition period during which man existed in various grades down to the animal state. "The distance between the lowest form of man and the highest form of ape, however, is too great even to be passed by mutation," he declared.

Three trips to Europe during which he studied the results of excavations made in Central European countries have convinced him, Dr. Hrdlicka said, that that district and not Asia or Africa or other remote points were the "cradle of humanity."

Boggs Chosen McRae Party Head in City

Beaumont Boggs was elected leader of the Victoria branch of General MacRae's Provincial Party at a meeting of that organization here last night.

Andrew Wright was chosen first vice-president, Alderman E. S. Woodward second vice-president and Mrs. Dorothy Bishop third vice-president.

The meeting decided to start the organization of ward branches in the near future. Members of the party spoke enthusiastically of its prospects and expressed keen gratification over the way campaign funds were growing. Alderman A. E. Todd presided.

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BOWSER BLAMES OLIVER FOR BURDEN OF P.G.E.; DENIES SILENCE PACT

Railway Would Have Been Finished Now and Operating Without Extra Loans Since 1916 If Government Had Not Bungled, Opposition Leader Tells Sidney Electors; Says He Has Wanted Full Investigation For Years; Peck Demands Economy

If the Oliver Government had carried out the construction of the Pacific Great Eastern Railway as planned by the Conservative Government the line would be operating into Prince George now and British Columbia would not be loaded down now with the railroad loans floated since 1916, W. J. Bowser, leader of the Conservative party, declared at Sidney last night in his first speech since the adjournment of the Provincial Legislature.

Mr. Bowser warmly denied that any agreement existed between him and the Government to suppress the real facts of the P.G.E. construction programme, and he devoted most of his time to records which, he asserted, proved that he had been demanding a railway investigation for years. He did not discuss the recent P.G.E. audit.

The Opposition Leader quoted his letter to Premier Brewster of January, 1918, which, the Provincial Party charges, proves that Mr. Bowser and Premier Oliver are in agreement to hush up P.G.E. affairs. No such agreement was implied by this letter nor was any carried out, Mr. Bowser declared.

In this letter Mr. Bowser told Premier Brewster that if the Government took over the railway he would not oppose or approve the plan in the Legislature but would take a passive stand. But when he wrote this letter, Mr. Bowser emphasized, he had no idea of the way the new Government would mishandle railway affairs. He did not know, he said, that the Northern Construction Company would be allowed to build the line on a cost-plus basis. While his letter to Mr. Brewster had been written in January, he recalled, the agreement between the Northern Construction Company and the Government had not been closed until September of the same year.

In view of these facts, Mr. Bowser declared emphatically, the Provincial Party's suggestion of an agreement between him and the Premier was absurd.

WANTED INQUIRY

Mr. Bowser referred to the suggestion that the Conservatives in the Legislature had deliberately left their resolution demanding a P.G.E. investigation until the end of the session so that it would not be passed. This idea was ridiculous, he declared. The statement that the Conservatives could have forced the passage of this resolution if they had really desired to do so was equally preposterous, he affirmed. Anyone who knew the Government's majority in the House would not make any such statement, he said.

Mr. Bowser went fully into the records of the House to prove that he had wanted a full P.G.E. inquiry for years. He quoted numerous resolutions proposed by W. K. Esling, chief Conservative railway critic, and demanding the production of the books of the Northern Construction Company, builders of the Government-owned railway. He showed that he himself had voted for these resolutions, thus proving his desire for a full investigation.

DEFENDS RAILWAY PLAN

In reply to the charge that the former Conservative Government was responsible for the present P.G.E. situation, Mr. Bowser declared that the present enormous railway costs were due to the bungling of the Liberal Government. The plan of building a railway through the centre of British Columbia to Prince George was a sound one, he said, and had been overwhelmingly endorsed by the electors when they returned a Conservative Government without a Liberal in opposition.

If the Liberal Government had carried out the old Government's railway policy properly the P.G.E. would have been into Prince George in 1919, Mr. Bowser declared. This would have been possible under the old agreement with Foley, Welch and Stewart, railway contractors, he said.

OLD LOAN SUFFICIENT

The line should have been completed out of the $6,000,000 loan floated in 1916 and this loan would have provided money to equip and operate the railway into Prince George, Mr. Bowser affirmed. Instead, the Liberal Government had borrowed large sums in addition and the line was not into Prince George yet.

Mr. Bowser attacked the Government's financing and quoted figures to show the great growth of British Columbia's debt in the last few years. He dealt also with figures on the cost of the Sumas Reclamation Scheme and the South Okanagan Irrigation Scheme as brought before the Public Accounts Committee of the Legislature. The cost of these two projects, he pointed out, had increased enormously over the original estimate.

BY-ELECTION COSTS

The Opposition Leader suggested sarcastically that the cost of by-elections in British Columbia was altogether too high. It had cost the Government $268,000 to win the Nelson by-election, he said, that amount having been spent on the Ymir Road. He doubted whether the Liberal member for Nelson, Kenneth Campbell, was worth all that money to the people of British Columbia. The Revelstoke seat had cost about $750,000, Mr. Bowser went on. This money, he said, had been spent on public works around Revelstoke to elect Hon. W. H. Sutherland.

The cost of the Acute Mental Hospital also gave Mr. Bowser cause for alarm. Luxurious furnishings and fixtures had been installed in an institution for lunatics, he declared.

Mr. Bowser said that if his party were returned to power it would abolish the Personal Property Tax entirely. The export of unmanufactured timber from the Province would be stopped. Cheap loans would be extended to farmers to encourage agriculture, he said.

COLONEL PECK

Colonel Cyrus Peck, V.C., D.S.O., who will be Conservative candidate for The Islands in the next election, declared that the present Government had been guilty of gross extravagance. At a time when the world needed economy, he said, the Government had plunged into a hectic cycle of reckless spending. All public services were overloaded, he asserted, and the cost of administration had jumped to an unprecedented per capita figure. Before the war the debt of Canada had been $350,000,000 and now the British Columbia debt alone was $59,000,000, he stated.

Dr. Manning, of Sidney, acted as chairman.

MANSON WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH VANCOUVER POLL

Hon. A. M. Manson, Attorney-General, refused to-day to interfere in Vancouver civic affairs and investigate charges of plugging in the recent Vancouver city election. He announced that he would refer these charges to City Prosecutor McKay, of Vancouver. He had no power himself, he said, to invalidate the election and any question of criminality must be considered by Mr. McKay. Mr. Manson was asked by L. D. Taylor, defeated mayoralty candidate, to look into the Vancouver plugging charges.

MEMBERS ELECTED BY SWARAJISTS

In Minority in Indian Assembly and Provincial Councils

London, Dec. 29.—Returns from the Indian elections are now sufficiently complete to indicate the strength of the Swaraj, or home rule party, in the Assembly and in the Provincial Councils. Results from ninety-one of the 105 districts show that the Swarajists obtained forty-one Assembly seats, while in the councils they will hold 208 of the 637 seats. There are, however, twenty-six independents, who probably will support the Swarajists on any "national" question.

As the nominated and official members of the Assembly total forty and as the Council members thus chosen total 179, the Swarajists will roughly be in a minority of one to four.

PREMIER MASSEY IN OTTAWA TO-DAY

Will Leave For British Columbia Coast To-morrow Night

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Premier Massey, of New Zealand, will leave here Sunday night for his journey to the British Columbia coast, from where he will sail for New Zealand.

To-day he is the guest of Lord and Lady Byng at Government House, where a dinner will be given in his honor to-night.

He will discuss trade relations between Canada and New Zealand with Premier King and will advocate steps to improve the mail service between the two countries.

Premier Massey was the guest of the Dominion Government at a luncheon last night.

TRADE EXTENSION

The visit of Premier Massey to the capital to-night, and more particularly that of Premier Bruce of Australia at the end of next month, may result in extension of Canada's trade preferences. Such an outcome is looked for hopefully, at all events. At the present there are preferential tariffs between Canada and New Zealand, but none between Canada and Australia.

TO APPEAR IN COURT

Edmonto, Dec. 29.—William Ryan, president of the U.M.W.A., arrested here on a charge of abducting three men who were proceeding to work in the region of Mile 48, Alberta coal branch, where a strike is in progress, was released on bail last evening. Personal bonds of $6,000 and $1,000 in cash provided by the U.M.W.A. were put up to secure his appearance in the police court Monday afternoon.

COHALAN RESIGNS

New York, Dec. 29.—Daniel F. Cohalan, State Supreme Court justice, announced to-day he had presented his resignation to Governor Smith to take effect next January 12. The difficulties of trying to bring up a large family on a justice's salary, $17,500 a year, he said, prompted his action.

TROOPS ADVANCE ON VERA CRUZ

Forces of Mexican Government Attack Revolutionists

Recapture of City of Guadalajara Seems Imminent

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—A general advance upon Vera Cruz, extending from Tehuscan, Apiazco, has been ordered to begin to-day under command of General Martinez, according to Puebla special dispatches. This follows receipt of a communication from General Talmanzan to the effect that the rebels had evacuated Tehusacn and were retiring in the direction of Oaxaca.

Federal soldiers, for the purpose of distinguishing themselves from the rebels, are wearing hatbands bearing the slogan, "Death to Traitors."

CITY SURROUNDED

El Paso, Tex., Dec. 29. — With Guadalajara practically surrounded by federal troops and all towns in the outskirts of the city being occupied by federal forces, the fall of the city is but a question of hours, according to a statement received here last night from General Francisco Serrano, Minister of War, who returned to Mexico City yesterday from Guadalaraja.

OLD COUNTRY FOOTBALL

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Leicester 1, Stockport 1.
Portvale 2, Drury 1.
Southampton 2, Hull City 0.
Leeds-South Shields, postponed.

Third Division—Northern Section

Darlington 2, Chesterfield 1.
Doncaster 3, Lincoln C. 2.
Grimsby 1, Durham C. 0.
Halifax 3, Accrington 0.
New Brighton 5, Wigan Boro 0.
Rochdale 1, Crewe A. 0.
Rotherham C. and Bradford postponed.
Southport 2, Barrow 0.
Walsall 2, Hartlepool 0.
Wolverhampton 1, Ashington 0.

Southern Section

Aberdare 0, Exeter C. 0.
Bournemouth 0, Bristol R. 1.
Gillingham 0, Charlton A. 1.
Luton Town 4, Southend U. 4.
Millwall 4, Brentford 1.
Newport C. 1, Watford 0.
Northampton 1, Norwich C. 0.
Plymouth 1, Merthyr Town 1.
Queens Park Rangers 0, Portsmouth 2.
Reading 0, Brighton and H. 1.
Swansea Town 1, Swindon Town 1.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

First Division

Aberdeen 3, Clyde 0.
Airdrieonians 1, Raith Rovers 0.
Hamilton 0, Ayr United 0.
Hearts of Midlothian 1, Dundee 0.
Kilmarnock 0, Third Lanark 0.
Morton 1, Hibernians 0.
Partick Thistles 0, Falkirk 1.
Queen's Park Rangers 2, Motherwell 2.
St. Mirren 0, Rangers 0.
Celtic-Clydebank postponed.

Second Division

Alloa 1, Armadale 0.
Bathgate 4, Lochgelly 1.
Bo'ness 1, Albion R. 1.
Broxburn 3, Forfar 0.
Cowdenbeath 2, Arbroath 1.
Dumbarton 1, Dunfermline 0.
East Fife 0, Vale of Leven 1.
St. Johnstone 2, Johnstone 1.
Stenhousemuir 3, St. Bernards 0.
Dundee Hibs. and King's Park not reported.

Irish League

Queens Island 2, Glenavon 0.
Distillery 2, Cliftonville 1.
Linfield 3, McNewry 1.
Larne 5, Ards 2.
Glentoran 4, Barn 1.
Friendly Soccer at Stockton.
Northern League 3, Corinthians 1.

Rugby Union

Harlequins 29, Army 10.
Guy's Hospital 19, Old Alleynians 0.
London Scottish 10, Old Merchant Tailors 17.
Richmond 3, Old Fettesian Lorettonians 19.
Cardiff 25, Blackheath 0.
Pontypool 12, Bath 4.
Birkenhead Park 14, Bradford 6.
Birmingham 6, Abertillery 6.
Llanelly 22, Gloucester 5.
Leicester 24, Racing Club of France 5.
Liverpool 3, Mossly 7.
Manchester 13, Northampton 3.
Newport 12, Neath 6.
Bridgewater 0, Newton Abbot 5.
Cheltenham 9, Penarth 10.
Glasgow High School 3, Watsonians 0.

Northern Union

Barrow 41, St. Helens 5.
Dewsbury 6, Wigan Highfield 5.
Huddersfield 47, Hull-Kingston 5.
Hull 3, Leigh 19.
Hunslet 8, Keighley 6.
Oldham 17, Widnes 0.
Halford 17, Halifax 10.
St. Helens Recs. 13, Featherstone 13.
Swinton 14, Leeds 5.
Wakefield-York postponed.
Warrington 19, Battley 0.
Wigan 3, Broughton 0.
Bridge End 3, Aberavon 9.
Swansea 12, Bristol 8.
Cross Keys 6, Tredegar 0.
Plymouth 19, Rosslyn Park 3.

BULLET IN BRAIN ENDED LIFE OF VANCOUVER MAN

Vancouver, Dec. 29.—After lingering for nearly a week with a bullet embedded in his brain, Sidney Weeks, janitor of the Royal Bank, died today.

Weeks was found in a washroom at the rear of the bank December 24, with a wound in his forehead and a revolver, which had been taken from the manager's office, by his side. All the circumstances of the case point to suicide.

KNOWS NOTHING OF MARRIAGE REPORT

Nelson, Dec. 29.—When his attention was drawn to a report that his daughter Irene had gone to Vancouver for the purpose of marrying Yip Ren, formerly a restaurant proprietor here, F. E. Blakeman denied all knowledge of the case to-day.

A Vancouver dispatch said Miss Blakeman, aged twenty-two, was in that city, where it was understood she was to be married in a few days to Ren, a Chinese, twenty-five years of age

EXPECT TO FIND MUCH JEWELRY

Carter and Helpers to Open Second Casket of Tutankhamen's Sarcophagus

Luxor, Egypt, Dec. 29.—With the removal of the roof of the great canopy over the sarcophagus of Pharaoh Tutankhamen, the next operation confronting the excavators is the dismantling of the sides of the outer shrine. The completion of this task will virtually conclude the preliminary work of this season, and Howard Carter's men will then enter upon fresh discoveries.

Hopes are high here that the second casket, which the press correspondents are assured has never been opened, will contain one of those bewilderingly rich and beautiful finds of royal jewelry with which the records of Egyptology are starred. The exquisite golden crowns, necklaces, bracelets, mirrors and daggers belonging to the princesses of the Twelfth Dynasty, known as "The Treasure of Dahshur," which are now in the Cairo Museum, show what heights of artistry the goldsmiths of that most flourishing era of Ancient Egyptian history were capable of attaining.

Such pieces of the jewelry of Tutankhamen as the tomb has already given up suggest the workmanship of the eighteenth dynasty to be quite as good as that of the twelfth, while it is considered very likely that the royal insignia and personal ornaments of a reigning king will exceed in splendor anything hitherto found.

NOT DAMAGED

In their work on the canopy the excavators say they found nothing to indicate that the burglars who ransacked every part of the royal sepulchre had in anywise tampered with the shrine. Thus, while it is dangerous to prophesy as to the contents of the tomb, it is considered not an over-sanguine belief that the whole collection of tutankhamen's jewelry will befound intact—part of it probably when the second shrine is opened in the immediate future.

There is believed to be scarcely any doubt either that the workmanship will show a strong influence of that odd naturalistic art movement that issued forth from the capital of Akhenaton, the heretic king, Tutankhamen's predecessor and father-in-law, traces of which have been found in reliefs on boxes, chariots, etc., although the decoration ofthese was more or less hampered by convention. The smaller ornaments, such as buckles, clasps, amulets and toilet instruments, however, giving the imagination of the artists greater scope, are thought likely to reveal to what extent the bizarre art of Tel El Amarna stimulated the craftsmen of Tutankhamen's day.

NEW LABOR BANK IN NEW YORK CITY

Locomotive Engineers' Co-operative Trust Company Starts Business

Twenty Labor Banks Already in United States

New York, Dec. 29.—The Locomotive Engineers' Co-operative Trust Company was opened here to-day, marking the ninth invasion of the railwaymen's union into the banking field throughout the United States and the fourth labor bank in New York.

Up to the time of opening, Warren Stone, president of the bank, said 300 applications had been received from persons anxious to get their names on savings bank book No. 1, and nearly as many for checking account No. 1. Their first bank at Cleveland, which the Brotherhood opened in 1920 with $600,000 capital, now has resources of $25,000,000.

In outlining the bank's policy, Mr. Stone said any person could open a checking account in any sum, instead of requiring from $200 up, as is asked by most New York banks.

"We shall pay four per cent on savings, compounded quarterly, and two and a half per cent. on the daily balance of checking accounts," he said.

TICKETS AND BAGGAGE

"If a person wants a ticket in a hurry and does not want to patronize a 'scalper,' a telephone call to us will get him tickets at regular rates, and they will be delivered to him. The same will apply to railroad or steamship reservations. We shall do everything, even to having a person's baggage called for and delivered."

Twenty or more labor banks have sprung up in the United States in the last three years, and, according to Mr. Stone, twenty or thirty are being organized.

BUILDING TOTAL IN VICTORIA AREA PASSES $1,600,000

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the total expenditure on the bridge $246,552 has been expended during the current twelve months, making a total construction programme of at least $1,600,000 in Greater Victoria.

PROSPECTS FOR YEAR

Prospects for the ensuing year, apart from the Amusement Centre, include further contracts for the Jubilee Hospital, to complete the East Wing, and further units of the Christ Church Cathedral buildings.

An apartment building is in contemplation, and other structures are planned. The proposed High School building in Oak Bay may reach the stage of a by-law during the life of the incoming council. The figure mentioned was $150,000.

In the Johnson Street Bridge loans there is still a credit of $76,000 to go into the 1924 season, composed of a balance in the bank, plus the engineer's estimate of plant.

RAILROAD MEN VOTE FOR STRIKE

Maintenance Workers in Canada Oppose Action of Lines

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Returns so far received indicate that the vote now being taken by the United Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Men and Shop Laborers of the Canadian railways will be overwhelmingly in favor of a strike, according to information obtained in union circles here to-day. The balloting follows the refusal of the Railway Association of Canada to accept the unanimous award of the conciliation board made in October at Montreal, which was in favor of the employees.

Suspension of work is favored by ninety-five per cent of the men who have voted to date, according to H. Woods, general chairman for Canadian National Lines. There are many returns to come yet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special New Year's dinner will be served from 5.30 to 8 at the Strathcona Hotel. ***

Carpet bowling, men's Winter pastime, held every Monday evening at 7.45 at St. Mark's Hall, Boleskine Rd. Come and enjoy an evening sport. ***

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Dr. Grant's book, My Missionary Memories, referred to in yesterday's Times, can be had at Litchfield's. This little book would make an admirable New Year's gift. ***

Children's Fancy Dress Ball under auspices of Navy League Chapter, I.O.D.E., Empress Hotel Ballroom, Friday, December 28. Dancing from 7 to 1 o'clock. Tickets $1.00, including supper for children only. After Pantomime, 50 cents. ***

Special turkey dinner every night at the Strathcona Hotel Cafe, 5.30 to 8. ***

Egg judging competition for boys and girls between the ages of ten and fourteen. Two classes, one for boys and one for girls. Four cash prizes in each class. No entry fees. The competition will be held at the Victoria Poultry Association's Show, to be held at the Willows on December 31, commencing at 10.30 a.m. Any boy or girl in the district can enter. For full particulars write or phone to Mr. J. R. Terry, Parliament Buildings, Victoria. ***

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SENT TO PRISON

New York, Dec. 29.—Ernest and Marie Vetter, who were convicted of first degree manslaughter for the killing of Alonzo J. Storey last May, were each sentenced yesterday to eight to fifteen years in prison. Storey, a former suitor of Mrs. Vetter, was killed in the Vetter home.

STATES DEFENCES ARE INADEQUATE

Gen. Monash Warns Australians; Minister Denies Air Force is Sham

Special to The Times

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 29 — That Australia could defend herself against an enemy for no longer than twenty-four hours is the statement of Lieut.-General Sir John Monash, who commanded the Australian Army Corps during the Great War.

"Our air force is a sham," he declared at a public meeting. "We have not enough artillery ammunition to last the guns more than half a day. I do not think we have any Mills bombs. We have never seen a tank in Australia.

"Year after year the defence expenditure is being reduced, and all the officers and men of the citizen forces are getting disheartened. We are not merely destroying our defences, but we are destroying the means of re-creating them."

NOT A SHAM

The Minister of Defence, Mr. Bowden, says that while the forces have been reduced, the air force is not a sham, and the Commonwealth has already several postal air services in operation that afford some training for pilots. He explains that with the little money Parliament votes for defence the Defence Department is not able to do what it would like to do.

The Government, he says, wants to make Australia self-contained in producing guns and munitions, but it cannot go fast in this direction because of lack of money. Factories, however, have been started and both munitions and guns will soon be available in quantity.

PUBLIC OPINION AND ITS INFLUENCE ON PRESS OF U.S.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The public was held largely responsible for the standards of the press by Charles H. Dennis, Managing Editor of The Chicago Daily News, in an address before the joint convention of the American Association of Teachers of Journalism, The Association of American Schools and Departments of Journalism and the American Association of College News Bureaus here yesterday.

"The press of this country should be held by public opinion to high standards of morality and of service" said Mr. Dennis. "As long as the public mind accepts the falsehood that all newspapers are unreliable venal and malignant, the unreliable, venal and malignant newspapers are provided by the public itself with a protrective coloration that saves them from the fate which they deserve."

The American Association of Teachers of Journalism and the Association of American Schools and Departments of Journalism yesterday took joint action which may lead to a standardization of schools teaching journalism, such as now is applied to professional schools of longer standing. They elected a council to draw up a plan for classification of schools according to merit.

MAIL THEFTS IN LOS ANGELES; MEN ARRESTED

Los Angeles, Dec. 29—Post office inspectors and federal agents have been busy checking the activities of five men working as truck drivers in the Arcade post office here, arrested yesterday, charged with looting Christmas mails of several thousand dollars' worth of merchandise. The men arrested are Cody Chester Camp, Charles W. Losh, Robert L. Glenmore, Walter A. Bruhn and Irving Kasper.

According to the officers, a number of pawn tickets found in the effects of the men revealed a great variety of loot on which cash had been obtained. The five were arrested, officers said, as they were preparing to leave for Catalina Island. All the men were employed temporarily to expedite holiday mail delivery, postal authorities say.

MOTION PICTURE LEADS TO SUIT FOR $1,000,000

Kansas City, Kas., Dec. 29.—Charging that the motion picture production, "The Covered Wagon," has caused her to be held up to shame and ridicule, Mrs. Virginia Bridger Hahn has brought suit in the Wyandotte County district court here for damages of $1,000,000 against the Famous Players-Lasky Corporation and the Paramount Pictures Corporation.

Mrs. Hahn, whose home is here, asserts she is the only living child of James (Jim) Bridger, widely known plainsman, a prominent figure in the story of "The Covered Wagon," a picture based upon the historical novel of that name written by the late Emerson Hough.

According to the petition in the suit, the motion picture production depicts Jim Bridger as a heavy drinker.

Mrs. Hahn, asserting that her father was an "upright, honorable man, never known to have drunk to excess," charges that she suffers great humiliation because the picture shows him in several carousals.

RADIO TO AID WORK OF POLICE

Sydney, N.S.W., Dec. 28—Radio is to be used for catching criminals in New South Wales. A system of wireless outfits is to be arranged to link up the country police stations with the headquarters in Sydney with each other so that in the event of a criminal escaping his description can be sent simultaneously to every part of the state.

The only difficulty in the way at present is the danger of criminals "listening in." To prevent this a plan for varying the wave lengths is to be adopted. Already Melbourne has radio equipment on its night patrol cars and prompt telephone messages to headquarters have several times led to smart captures.

NAMES OF PLACES IN IRELAND CHANGED

Dublin, Dec. 29.—There is a passion in the Irish Free State at present for changing the names of places. Dublin's suburban watering place Bray has now become Bricualainn, and Dundalk for a time became Dun Dealgen, though it was soon changed back again.

LIST OF TAX FREE GOODS INCREASED

Ottawa Government Makes Sales Tax Act Announcement

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Important additions to the list of goods exempt under the Sales Tax Act were announced by the Government last night.

Included in the list are usual coverings for tax empt products. This will benefit the fishing industry of the country. Had the tax regulations gone into effect in their original form the shippers of fish would have been compelled to pay an impost on the wooden containers in which their product was packed for export. This exemption is also considered of great importance to the cheese and butter industry.

TAX REDUCED

A fifty per cent. reduction of the tax applies to newsprint paper, under certain conditions, the effect of which is to leave that industry practically as it was under the old act.

Collections of old coins, stamps, medals and trophies are added to the exempted list. This step, it is explained, was taken because the operation of the tax would not have produced sufficient revenue to justify the nuisance it would have caused collectors. Other articles mentioned include certain syrups, confectionery and woolen rolls.

ON JANUARY 1

The Order-in-Council providing for the change will become effective upon January 1. The text of the statement giving the list issued by the Government is as follows:

"1. Usual coverings for the goods not subject to the consumption or sales tax. The principal goods covered by this item would be coverings for flour, sugar, cheese, butter, lard, oatmeal, cornmeal, fruit, fish and condensed milk.

"2. The materials for the manufacture, of usual, coverings. This would also apply to the same products as the usual coverings referred to in clause 1.

"3. Woolen rolls or wool yarn milled by a producer of wool from such wool supplied by him for his own use.

"4. Articles enumerated in Customs tariff item 692, namely, coins, cabinets or collections of medals and collections of postage stamps; trophies and prizes received and accepted as honorary distinction or won in bona fide competition.

SYRUPS EXEMPTED

"5. Goods enumerated in Customs tariff item 139, namely, glucose, or grape sugar, glucose syrup and corn syrup or any syrup containing any mixture thereof."

Corn syrups and other syrups closely resembling syrups and molasses now exempt from the sales tax put the producers of syrups at a serious disadvantage with the producers or importers of other syrups and molasses.

"6. Bakers' cakes and pies, not to include biscuits."

The rate of the consumption or sales tax on printing paper for use exclusively in producing newspapers quarterly, monthly and semi-monthly magazines, weekly literary papers unbound, hymn books, religious tracts, such as Sunday School lesson pictures, is to be reduced by fifty per cent. on the amount of said consumption or sales tax.

BANK ACCOUNT FOR QUADRUPLETS BORN IN ST. JOHN, N.B.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 29.—St. John's most noteworthy citizens, the quadruplet babies of Mr. and Mrs. Mahany, born on Christmas Day, are thriving nicely. The Evening Times-Star has opened a fund to establish a bank account in their name. Already there are several subscribers.

The four little Mahany babies were not the first quadruplets born in Canada, St. John reluctantly has been forced to admit, two other cases having been recorded in the last forty years.

SAME RACE MIXTURE RULES U.S. DESTINY, SAYS LLOYD GEORGE

(Continued from page 1.)

the divine spark in his soul? If there be, then salvation is of the Americans.

IRISHMEN'S ATTITUDE CHANGED

One discovery I made during my tour which was most gratifying to me. The attitude of Irishmen towards Great Britain has been completely changed by the setting up of the Free State in Ireland. I was received by notable Irish leaders in every state and city I visited with cordiality which warmed my heart. At two or three cities I received an address from Irishmen thanking me for the part I had taken in the grant of freedom to their race in the island they love so dearly. Three years ago no Irishmen could have joined in a welcome to a British Minister or ex-Minister. Such is the change affected in a short space of time by this concession. It has removed from the path of statesmen who desire co-operation between the British Empire and the United States of America, the one insuperable obstacle. As long as that remained, no party in American politics could safely commit its fortunes to open and avowed friendship with Great Britain.

ENERGY HERE BEWILDERS EUROPEAN

The great cities of the north and middle West which I visited—New York, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Chicago, Philadelphia, Minneapolis, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Indianapolis and Scranton—were all like giants forging ahead with demoniac energy that nothing in Europe can rival. The scale as well as the speed are bewildering to the European mind. I wish I had more time to examine the full meaning and effort of this tremendous hustle. That it makes wealth I could see everywhere. Does it make for happiness? It ought to. Wages just now are very high compared with Europe in certain trades. Are all trades equally well paid? What about the cost of living? Then what about steadiness of employment? What happened in 1920-21 shows that unemployment, like everything else in this vast country, when it comes, is on a colossal scale. What happens then to the workless? There are many more questions bearing on the condition and status of the worker I should have liked to have inquired into. Amongst others is the question of whether in these rich cities there are any quarters which in poverty and degradation compare with the slums of Europe?

FASCINATED BY THE SOUTH

The Southern States have a fascination of their own. All attractiveness is difficult to analyze; but the South has a definite allurement of its own which envelopes and possesses. You begin to feel it in Kentucky and in Virginia it was complete. The atmosphere of hurry vanishes when you cross the invisible but tangible Southern line. Life is a quieter and gentler affair in the North, the strain is toward the future. In the South they keep in closer touch with the past with its softening influences. The North has not forgotten the civil war, but it has not pitched its tent there. It has passed along. Lincoln, it is true, is to-day a living force and figure, but that is not so much on account of the interest in events of sixty years ago in which he took a leading part in the North, but because, like all great men, his "soul goes marching on." He is even more the man of to-day than he was the man of yesterday. His stride will ever keep pace with the centuries.

ADMIRES LINCOLN AND JACKSON

But the heart of the South is still in the heroic days of their great struggle for state rights. The figure on the little sorrel still rides triumphantly through their memories. I have always been drawn by the personality of Stonewall Jackson. He and Abraham Lincoln are the two great Americans who especially excite my interest and admiration. I cannot account for it, for on the surface at least they seem to be two different types. The stern and severe Puritan general has apparently nothing in common with the genial and occasionally rollicking temperament of Lincoln. It is only when you hear of Stonewall Jackson romping with the little children in the house where he was quartered during his campaign, that you understand what a gentle creature there was underneath that fierce exterior. That puts him in the same exalted order as Lincoln, a lover of mankind with special tenderness for the weak. He was as clean from hatred and revenge as Lincoln. Fundamentally also, they were both religious men with tender hearts, although one loved God according to strict rules and the other without measure.

FOUND GENERAL LEE A DIVINITY

I was never more impressed with the potency of Stonewall Jackson's personality than I was during my conversations at Richmond with some of the survivors of the civil war. I had the privilege, which I greatly prized, of talking to fully seventy of these veterans. When General Lee's name was mentioned, it was with the hush of solemnity which betoken reverence. On the other hand, Stonewall Jackson's name evoked notes of intense affection as well as admiration. Lee is a divinity, Jackson is the hero.

I asked one old Confederate veteran, who had served under Lee and worshipped him: "Do you remember the death of Stonewall Jackson?"

"Oh, yes," he replied with a break in his voice, "when we heard of it we all cried like children."

I asked another fine old soldier who had served under Beauregard what was the effect of the news of Jackson's death on the Confederate army.

"Oh," he replied sadly, "we thought it was all over." Then he added, "We never won a battle after he died."

I asked him what was the secret of his power.

"Well," he replied, "if the Confederate soldiers were set to a task which looked to them impossible, and were therefore inclined to shrink from it, the moment they heard it was an order from Stonewall Jackson, they said:

"'Oh, it's old Jack—that's all right;' and they went straight for it and carried it through."

But the most touching proof I had of his hold on his men was when I talked to an old private who had served under him. When I asked him, "Do you remember him?" he could not answer, for his eyes filled and his face became convulsed with tears. That was my answer. What a man he must have been to produce these emotions on a humble soldier to whom he probably never spoke—sixty years after his rugged face had been hidden in the tomb.

OLD BATTLEFIELDS INTEREST

I was anxious to visit the scene of his amazing campaign in the valley and my hospitable Virginian friends would have gladly shown me round, but news from England made it impossible for me to prolong my stay.

I counted myself specially fortunate in my journey through the battle fields around Richmond that I had the guidance of so competent an historical student as Foster Freeman. Secretary Weeks was kind enough himself to show me over the battlefield of Gettysburg, where the fate of the great republic was decided in a memorable three-day struggle. Mr. Weeks has made a special study of the Civil War and he knew every manoeuvre in the great battle and every division and captain who took part in the fight. His explanations have therefore exceptional value and interest.

Lee's stupendous blunder in attacking over open ground a stronger and better equipped force, entrenched on the heights, leaves you wondering whether even the greatest men are not blind agents of destiny and have to obey when order comes from beyond the veil. There is no rational explanation of Pickett's charge ordered by Lee. The time for arresting the tide of Southern victory had arrived, it had served its purpose—hence the blunder of Gettysburg. Can anyone provide a more satisfactory reason for the stubborn folly of a man of genius, who would not be deterred by advice, remonstrance, or protest from his headlong plunge into staring disaster?

SAME LITERATURE AND IDEALS

I came back more convinced than ever that the hope of mankind in the immediate future depends on the extent to which the two greatest commonwealths on earth can be persuaded to work together in world affairs. I know everything that is to be said about America not being Anglo-Saxon. Neither are the British Isles, and the British Empire has a greater variety of races and tongues than even the United States of America. All the same, the empire is governed by the same mixture of Celt, Teuton and Norseman that ruled America. The identity of the language must lead to an absorption of the same literature for the great name of the people. The same literature in the end means the same ideals. In the course of years, Shakespeare, Milton, Bunyan and Wesley will count more than Lafayette and Rochambeau. The influence of the former enters more and more into character, and that is what determines the destiny of a people.

CHURCH SYMPATHY IMPORTANT

All the greatest men of America are of British stock, and their ideals and lives were fashioned by the teachings of the same prophets and priests whose thoughts were conveyed to America through the medium of the same tongue as influenced the minds of the great leaders of Britain. To-day British literature flows naturally into American channels and American literature in an ever-increasing flood is pouring into British channels. The association between powerful Protestant churches on both sides of the Atlantic is becoming every year closer and more intimate, the fact that over two-thirds of the population of the States receives the same spiritual training as the people of Britain not only weaves bonds of brotherhood between them but must have its effect in giving the same direction to the outlook and vision of the two nations.

Memories of outrages perpetrated by a king on the road to insanity have too long kept these two mighty nations apart. The oppression of Ireland kept these memories alive by giving a sense of continuity to the policy of wrong. These wrongs are all now dead and buried. There is no sense in artificially keeping alive the evil passions they germinated. They have ceased now to have any political significance of value and therefore there is every prospect that they will be allowed to subside.

The peace of the world is at stake. It is a question of the path along which the human race elects to travel. One leads to peace, prosperity and unlimited progress. The other leads to bloodshed, desolation and infinite ruin. America and Britain together can shepherd the world along the right course.

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ASYLUM NEEDED MORE ATTENDANTS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—The loss of life in the burning of one of the buildings of the Chicago State Hospital for the Insane at Dunning, in which eighteen patients and attendants are known to have perished Wednesday night last, might have been considerably lessened had there been more attendants, Dr. Daniel D. Coffey, superintendent of the institution, told the coroner's jury which is investigating the fire.

He said that at the time of the fire there were only nine attendants on duty in charge of the 600 patients in the building that was burned, and that three of these were women. In addition to a shortage of attendants, he said the attendants received but $45 a month and board, adding that with such pay attendants and guards did not remain long.

While the inquest was in progress yesterday, workmen dug into the ruins of the burned building and found part of a burned body. It has not been determined whether this was a nineteenth victim or whether it was part of one of the bodies already recovered. Five patients are still unaccounted for but are believed to have escaped during the fire.

BANK ROBBERS WERE SENTENCED IN WASHINGTON

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 29.—Less than six hours after they had held up and robbed the First National Bank of Medical Lake, twenty miles southwest of this city, four young men who were arrested by deputy sheriffs on their way to Spokane, yesterday afternoon had entered pleas of guilty in Superior Court here and were sentenced by Judge Hugo Oswald to terms of seven to twenty years in the state penitentiary. A fifth man, arrested with them, pleaded not guilty.

Those who entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced late yesterday afternoon were: Carl Cojott, Donald L. Morgan and James O'Dare, all of Spokane, and Harold J. Dyer, of Kalispell, Montana. James C. Frenzin, of Spokane, pleaded not guilty.

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PUBLIC SERVICE WITHOUT COST

While every progressive Victorian is hopefully waiting to hear the size of the majority in favor of the Crystal Garden project it is fitting that the progressive people of this community should recall with adequate gratitude the magnificent work which has been put in by the Amusement Centre Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. From the very inception of the idea this small body of willing and energetic workers, enthusiastically backed of course by the organization proper, has discharged its self-appointed task with an ability and thoroughness which will permanently associate the city's premier commercial organization with this unique and promising project.

As the year 1923 closes it may be appropriate to remind all those Victorians who have the welfare and progress of this neighborhood warmly at heart that the capital city of the Province of British Columbia could do with many more willing workers on the membership roll of the Chamber of Commerce. Even a cursory glance at the newspaper files of the last few years will convince the rank and file of citizens that all the progressive movements that have been launched have had to depend for their success upon the willing labor of a very small number. Consequently it has been necessary for these few to give up a great deal of time, time that very often should be devoted to their own affairs—and energy in the public interest. They have willingly made the sacrifice because of their liberal interpretation of what is implied by good citizenship. None the less it is not fair to "flog" the "willing horse."

For the reason we mention, therefore, would it not be a good idea if those citizens who do not belong to the Chamber of Commerce—and this has a meaning for all members of the Chamber whose interest begins and ends with the mere payment of the small annual dues—were to put in their applications as a token of their appreciation of what this important organization already has accomplished for them? After all this is nothing more than an appeal to the people to give closer and practical attention to the many important matters that concern them directly. The Chamber of Commerce is not an organization for self-glorification; it represents the people's forum and acts as the clearing house for progressive ideas. These it sifts—separates the practical from the impractical—and then bends its energies towards their tangible realization. Isn't this a work worth while?

NOT BINDING

There is a suggestion in some quarters in this country and in Britain that the preferences which the British Government offered to the Dominions are binding upon the new Parliament. One critic, who seems to be fearful of consequences in this and other parts of the Empire if these proposals should not be ratified, naively reminds us that the recent election was fought on protection and not preference. He may as well make up his mind that the people who rubbed out Premier Baldwin's working majority are not worried by such a fine distinction as he has drawn. Protection and preference operate in unison and the average voter very naturally regards them as synonymous terms. Preference for British Columbia apples means protection against similar fruit which reaches the British market from the State of Washington. The rub comes in uniform retail price.

This part of the continent will be disappointed if its canned salmon and apples do not get the chance on the British market which the practical application of the Conference proposals promised. At the same time very few people in this Province are under any delusion about the question. The majority fully understand the history of the British preference extended by Canada; they do not need to be told that this privilege was granted originally, and has since been increased, on an absolutely voluntary basis—without strings of any kind. Premier King represented the majority sentiment of the country when he refused to emulate the somewhat wounded attitude which the Prime Ministers of the other Dominions adopted after the election result placed the offered preferences in a new light. If the new Parliament should ratify them—almost a forlorn hope—he will be pleased. But Canada will certainly not regard the Baldwin offer as binding for the important reason that, if it did, much of the free and open useful discussion which takes place at these periodical Conferences would henceforward be reduced to such matters as would be sure of unanimity on the spot—matters that would not require lengthy debate in the respective Parliaments. On that basis the consultative value of these family gatherings would disappear. And wouldn't the Labor and Liberal Opposition like to be told the offers were binding?

CANADA'S WAR ON T.B.

Discussion of Canada's fight against tuberculosis, be it ever so entertainingly conducted, hasn't anything like the appeal that many other things possess. There is a natural tendency in people to get as far away as possible from all subjects that border on the sordid. At the same time we venture to believe that there is a sufficient number of Victorians, mindful of the joy that could be brought to the afflicted T.B., to fill the hall in which Sheriff Cook—the expert who was appointed to investigate the question in Saskatchewan—will deal with this subject in all its most important phases.

The date of the meeting has been set for next Thursday and it is the hope of the promoters that the people of this community will take this opportunity of learning something about what Canada is doing to reduce the still large toll in human lives which the great white plague exacts every year. Only by intimate discussion in this form will it be possible to create a public sentiment which will eventually instruct the governments of the country to vote the money essential to the waging of a more effective war in behalf of those who hopelessly wait for the end.

STAY HERE

It may take a little time to break it in upon the minds of some people that California is a poor exchange for British Columbia when it comes to earning a living. Already we have been told by people who have gone in search of fortune in the sunny South that the larger cities of the Californian coast line are wonderful to read about but somewhat different to look at through the average local pay cheque.

This is what a former British Columbian has to say among other things:

> I suppose you have not found out why people are leaving British Columbia? It is too bad, for it is one of the finest places in the world. My advice would be for the people up there to have a little patience. It will come back, and come back right, too. I had to make this trip to realize what great opportunities there are in British Columbia. The average person here only thinks he has money—it could evaporate over night. And, believe me, they could not stand hard times like we did up there. I would say again that people who are thinking of coming to California would do well to find out a little more before they decide.

The last sentence should be read and re-read by those who are always under the impression that the grass plot over the fence in greener than their own. British Columbia is all right and it could be made a good deal more prosperous if there were fewer kickers and more people with even ordinary faith and enterprise. Anybody would think by the way some responsible citizens talk that this part of the world had no future at all.

Note and Comment

And the sun shone brightly upon the electors as they went to vote for the Crystal Garden by-law.

Great Britain has just completed "the best yet" in submarines. So do we proceed towards peace on earth and good will to all men.

Does to-day's bright sun augur well for the by-law upon which the property owners are voting? We, and every other progressive Victorian, hope so.

A Viennese poet faked his own death in order to read what the critics said about his works. He preferred to revel in the "fragrance" of verbal bouquets while in the land of the living.

Mail advices from Huelva, Spain, report that the Town Hall of the village of Palos de la Frontora, from whose harbor now silted up Columbus sailed in the Santa Maria on August 3, 1492, has been totally destroyed by fire, which is believed to have been started by a local. But America still stands discovered.

Some Thoughts for To-day

A minister, but still a man.
Pope.

Principle is ever my motto, no expediency.
Benj. Disraeli.

The God who gave us life,
Gave us liberty at the same time.
Thomas Jefferson.

Philologists, who chase
A panting syllable through time and space,
Start it at home, and hunt it in the dark,
To Gaul, to Greece, and into Noah's Ark.
Cowper.

I hate inconstancy—I loathe, detest,
Abhor, condemn, abjure the mortal made
Of such quick silver clay that in his breast
No permanent foundation can be laid.
Byron.

Deserted, at his utmost need,
By those his former bounty fed;
On the bare earth exposed he lies,
With not a friend to close his eyes.
Dryden.

Our Contemporaries

TWO GREAT NEEDS

Westminster Gazette:—Cheaper houses and cheaper transport would be a godsend to many hard-pressed sections of the working class, for they would enable the cost of living to be reduced, and many other industries to market their produce more easily.

WHAT FOR, INDEED?

Kansas City Times:—The Republican national convention may not go to Chicago, it is threatened, unless that town promises not to overcharge it. But what does the convention think Chicago wants it to come there for?

ONLY A RIPPLE

London Evening Standard:—To-day, in the large centres of population at least, the election campaign is little more than a ripple on the surface of everyday life. At one time the politician had few competitors. The great mass of the people could not read, and had little with which to amuse themselves. Now there are a hundred distractions apart from politics—golf, football, the cinema—and it is much harder for any political event, however important, to affect the routine of the million.

Other People's Views

Letters addressed to the Editor and intended for publication must be short and legibly written. The longer an article the shorter the chance of insertion. All communications must bear the name and address of the writer, but not for publication unless the owner wishes. The publication or rejection of articles is a matter entirely in the discretion of the Editor. No responsibility is assumed by the paper for MSS. submitted to the Editor.

RE AMUSEMENT CENTRE

To the Editor:—The letter in your issue of this morning signed by Mr. J. A. Shanks is, in my opinion, a thoroughly sound argument in favor of the Amusement Centre, and has inspired me with the wish to say something to endorse the scheme and ask the people to vote promptly and to back the C.P.R. in their magnanimous offer.

I should like to sound an optimistic note of warning to all property holders in Victoria and vicinity to pay their taxes, smile and hold on, for with the Amusement Centre Crystal Gardens, two new palatial steamers, extra auto car ferries, Elk Lake improvements, etc., etc., Greater Victoria will soon be reborn, because it will attract the leisured class of people of the world who spend money, to pay us a visit and after seeing our delightful climate, make Victoria their home.

As a home site Victoria has no equal for good, clean, invigorating air. It also abounds with fruit, flowers and sweet perfumes. Monte Carlo, Nice, Cannes and the Riviera have seven months each year of lovely weather, Atlantic City, N.J., eight months; Pinehurst, N.C., six months; Florida six months; Southern California six months; Northern California eight months; Greater Victoria ten months of brilliant weather, with the two months of soft rain to change the season back again to Spring.

Victoria for the past year at least has had a most excellent set of high-class aldermen and a most excellent mayor. Victoria's Chamber of Commerce and other public bodies are composed of some real live business men. Its Publicity Bureau is well conducted. And add to this the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's advertising department, together with the fact that we are now connected by several automobile ferry lines with the Great Pacific Highway, and so with the outside world.

It is my opinion that we will soon have enough real estate purchasers to absorb all of our present holdings and soon find it necessary to plot more town lots to take care of the new flood of population.

I have lived in your city for the past two years and watched all you have said and done, and been much impressed with the future for Victoria. Although I have traveled much, I have never seen any other place that has so many livable days in the year as Victoria, and I consider it a great privilege and a joy to be able to live here.

Let us paint up the house, straighten and paint the fence, vote to-day for the Amusement Centre, and all go along together 100 per cent. strong towards making Victoria the most talked about and delightful home centre in all the world.

C. P. HILL.

"Hillhaven," 724 Esquimalt Road, Victoria, B.C., December 28, 1923.

MR. HOLMES AND AMUSEMENT CENTRE

To the Editor:—Answering Mr. Holmes's letter in your issue, I reassert that if the city, instead of rebating $19,630 per annum to the C.P.R. were to deposit that amount at 5 per cent. interest it would amount to $722,157 in twenty years, plus the increase in taxation which is inevitable.

I submit that in order to arrive at correct deductions the premises must be correct. Mr. Holmes's premise that there are nearly 12,000 taxpayers is wrong.

There are not 10,000 ratepayers and the number has been growing less and less and will continue to do so, consequently the deductions of Mr. Holmes are wrong.

One last word of protest—in the course of twenty years the drain on our waterworks for free water to the Empress Hotel will be unbearable.

JOHN DEAN.

Victoria, V.I., Dec. 28, 1923.

CHURCH UNION

To the Editor:—Now that it has been publicly announced throughout Canada that an approach will be made to the Dominion Parliament at its next session, for the consummation of the Union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches of Canada, it would seem an appropriate time to acquaint the people of Canada with some features of public interest that stand revealed in the proposed union. We are inclined to think that such an event as the union of these three great religious bodies in Canada will be regarded as of great historic significance, and one that will have a distinct bearing on the future of our Canadian life.

A GREAT HISTORIC EVENT

Perhaps no question has ever arisen in the relations of public life more vital to the welfare of the Canadian people than the proposed union. With a little reflection anyone can see that such a weight of public opinion as the proposed union shall represent might become a deciding factor in any and every political, economic and industrial crisis, in reference to the public good. Thousands of thoughtful people in the Christian world who may have no direct relation to any particular church are well convinced that it is left to the church to give the lead out of the present international confusion. Every device of political economy has been tried and has failed, and it remains to discover what is possible under the leadership of the church.

Moreover, such a union as is proposed will set

AN EXAMPLE TO THE WORLD

Never before has so gigantic a stride been taken toward a unity of thought and purpose. Men who were supposed to hold almost antagonistic views of Christian truth have come at last to see that the truths that bring them together are of more moment to the world than the lesser truths that have caused their divisions, and they have chosen to follow the light of the larger truth. Such an attitude on the part of Christian leaders is the only attitude, if we are to have a world worth living in, and the proposed union becomes a spectacle to the world as to the possibilities of peace and concord where before were division and strife.

The Early Church was One—and Denominationalism was unknown, and when the Church of to-day will cease to say, "I Am of Paul," or "I am of Apollos," or "I Am of Cephas," and will all say: "I am of Christ," then a strength and vitality will be put in her appeal, to a needy world, that is not apparent to-day.

The writer of this article is not interested in some of the minor contentions that have been raised by the opponents of the proposed Union. Whether the Presbyterian Assembly voted one way or the other is a matter that ought to be settled by a review of the records rather than by a lengthened argument, as also whether another reference to the people was promised. Nor are we concerned with what any one denomination may be required to concede of tradition in entering the proposed Union. Each of the contracting bodies will see cherished beliefs that will of necessity be laid aside. Names may mean little or much. We do not suppose John Wesley or John Knox will be very greatly disturbed if the names of the denominations they one time knew shall be removed from the records of modern history. It is the deeds that men do that "live after them," and by men's deeds they are to be justified, but our concern is rather with a fair and adequate presentation to the public mind as to what shall be the character of the United Church that is destined to have such a weight of influence upon the future of our Canadian life.

A CHURCH WITHOUT A CREED

A body of Presbyterians, dissenting from the conclusions of their own constituted authority as represented in the General Assembly, the supreme legislative body of that great church, has set forth certain statements respecting the Church that is to be after the union, that should be examined, inasmuch as they have great and grave interest to thousands who are not of the Presbyterian fold. One of these statements is that "Ministers will not be pledged to any system of truth and that the new church will be a creedless church." Now a creed is supposed to set forth the formulated doctrines of belief with respect to a religious or other organized body, and to suggest that the new church will be without a creed is to suggest that ministers and laymen in that church will have no religious belief. It would hardly seem that, however opposed one might be to the proposed union, he could find it possible to make a statement so silly and inaccurate as such a statement would appear to be. We propose to set before the public in a very brief resume the doctrines of belief that are incorporated in the Basis of Union, from which document those in opposition to union have drawn their conclusion that the new church is to be without a creed.

THE CREED OF THE NEW CHURCH

This creed is distinctly set forth in some twenty articles, which disclose a religious belief more adequately interpreting the teaching of the New Testament than the creeds held to-day by any of the negotiating churches. Each article begins by saying: "We believe."

Article I—"Of God"

One God, living, true, a Suirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable in being and perfections; a God of love, justice, holiness and wisdom; a God of mercy, compassion, goodness and truth. The Godhead is a Unity in the mystery of the Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit—three persons, of the same substance, equal in power and glory.

Article II—"Of Revelation"

God is revealed in nature, history and in the heart of man; He is revealed in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh; the Holy Scriptures are given by inspiration of God and contain the only infallible rule of faith and life, being a faithful record of God's gracious revelations and a sure witness to Christ.

Article III—"Of the Divine Purpose"

It embraces all events, leaving man a free being; God is not the author of sin—but by His providence He makes all things fulfil His sovereign designs.

Article IV—"Of Creation and Providence"

God is the Creator; upholder and governor of all things; Above and in all His Works; He made man in His own image, for fellowship with Him, and free and able to choose between good and evil.

Article V—"Of the Sin of Man"

Our first parents being tempted, chose evil, and came under the power of sin, of which the penalty is eternal death. Men are born with a sinful nature, and no man can be saved but by grace.

Article VI—"Of the Grace of God"

God has in love given His Son to be the Savior of sinners, and in the Gospel freely offers a sufficient salvation to all men.

Article VII—"Of the Lord Jesus Christ"

We believe in and confess Christ, the only Mediator between God and man. He became truly man-born of the Virgin, conceived of the Holy Spirit. He fulfilled all righteousness for our redemption, offered Himself a perfect sacrifice in the Cross, satisfied Divine Justice and became a propitiation for the sins of the whole world. He rose from the dead, ascended to Heaven, where He ever intercedes for us. He abides in the hearts of believers, and we worship and obey Him as Prophet, Priest and King.

Article VIII—"Of the Holy Spirit"

The Lord and Giver of Life, proceeding from the Father and the Son, moves upon men to restrain them from evil and to incite to good, makes known the truth of salvation, convicts of sin, enlightens men in the knowledge of Christ, persuades them to obey the Gospel call, abides in the church, and dwells in every believer.

Article IX—"Of Regeneration"

Regeneration is necessary, by which we are made new creatures in Christ Jesus by the Spirit of God imparting spiritual life by the mysterious operation of His power.

Article X—"Of Faith and Repentance"

Faith in Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive Him, trust in Him, and rest upon Him, alone, for salvation; in repentance we confess sin, forsake sin and turn to obedience unto God.

Article XI—"Of Justification and Sonship"

God, on the sole ground of the perfect obedience and sacrifice of Christ, pardons those who by faith receive Him as Savior and Lord, and God accepts them as sons, and bestows upon them adoption, and grants to them a conscious assurance of sonship.

Article XII—"Of Sanctification"

The regenerated and justified grow into the likeness of Christ through fellowship with Him; the indwelling of the Spirit and obedience to the truth; then can continue in such a life by the preserving grace of God, and may attain unto maturity and a full assurance of faith whereby the love of God is made perfect in us.

Article XIII—"Of Prayer"

We are encouraged unto prayer for ourselves and others, giving honor and praise to God, confessing our sin and seeking needful gifts. God will grant us every gift according to His wisdom and the riches of His grace in Jesus Christ.

Article XIV—"Of the Law of God"

The Moral Law, in the Ten Commandments, testified to by prophets and unfolded in the life and teachings of Jesus, stand forever in truth and equity and are not made void by faith; God requires every man to do justly, have mercy, and to walk humbly with God, and that only by so doing is the brotherhood of man possible.

Article XV—"Of the Church"

One holy Catholic Church, made up of saints of every age and nation united by the Holy Spirit to Christ, their Head. A visible and sacred brotherhood of those who profess faith in Jesus Christ and obedience to Him, together with their children and other baptized children, organized to confess His Name—to worship God, to administer the Sacraments and to propagate the Gospel.

Article XVI—"Of the Sacraments"

We acknowledge two—Baptism and the Lord's Supper, instituted of Christ and meant to be observed as signs and seals of the covenant ratified in His precious blood; a means of grace, by which we are strengthened and comforted in faith and ordinances through which we confess the Lord.

Article XVII—"Of the Ministry"

Jesus Christ has appointed a ministry of the word and sacraments, and calls men to this ministry. The Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, recognizes and chooses those whom He calls.

Article XVIII—"Of Church Order and Fellowship"

The teaching, worship, discipline and government of the Church should be according to the will of Christ, administered by persons fit, and set apart for this purpose.

Article XIX—"Of Resurrection, Judgment and Future Life"

There will be a resurrection of all the dead, a judgment of living and dead, eternal punishment for the finally impenitent, and life eternal for the righteous.

Article XX—"Of Christian Service and the Final Triumph"

We are to extend the Kingdom, to do good to all, to maintain worship, to hallow the Lord's Day, to preserve the sanctity of marriage, to uphold the just authority of the State, and to so live that our lives testify of Christ. We believe that finally all the kingdoms of this world will be made the Kingdom of our God and of His Christ.

Such is the statement of the Creed or Doctrinal Belief of the proposed United Church, and how any intelligent man can call such a church, accepting such a religious belief, a "creedless church" passes the comprehension of ordinary minds.

THE MINISTERS' PLEDGE

"Candidates for the ministry shall be examined on the Statement of Doctrine of the United Church, and shall before ordination satisfy the examining body that they are in essential agreement therewith, and that as ministers of the church they accept the statement, as in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures.

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SCHOLARSHIP PLANS ARE ANNOUNCED

C.P.R. Employees Will Benefit From Company's McGill Scheme

Montreal, Dec. 29—Announcement regarding the conditions of two free scholarships in McGill University offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company was made to-day at the head office here in a circular issued over the signature of Grant Hall, vice-president. The scholarships cover four years' tuition in architecture, civil, mechanical or electrical engineering at McGill University and are offered subject to competitive examination to apprentices and other employees of the company under twenty-one years of age and to minor sons of employees. Examination will be held at the university and at other centres throughout Canada in June, 1924.

During the current year two scholarships were also offered and made available for the University of Montreal to French-speaking employees. It is the intention of the company to increase the number of scholarships available for the French-speaking candidates to four under conditions similar to those which prevail for the scholarships offered at McGill University.

COMPLETES YEAR OF GREAT ACTIVITY

B.C. Electric Railway, With Auxiliary Companies, Has Busy Season

Gas Services Are Extending Rapidly in the City

The B. C. Electric Railway has nearly 400 men in its regular employment on Vancouver Island, and the annual wage bill amounts to over $500,000, all of which is spent locally, according to some interesting statistics issued to The Times to-day by Vice-President A. T. Goward.

The company carried 9,070,000 passengers in the year on its street railway system, the mileage on the system being 2,052,000.

Supplies of one kind and another purchased during the year and incidental to the daily routine of providing street railway, light and power service, totaled well up to the half million mark. A small portion only of this was expended outside the Province of B.C., and that only for articles unobtainable locally.

The company's several powerhouses generated a total of 47,483,512 K.W. hours, or over 62,000,000 horsepower hours of electrical energy.

The sum of $36,500 was expended on light and power extensions, the company now having 16,287 light and power customers on the Island.

The overhead distribution system comprises seventy-five miles of high-tension transmission lines and 235 miles of distribution wires in and about Victoria and the surrounding municipalities.

The coal gas manufactured amounted to 94,000,000 cubic feet, consuming 5,630 lon-tons of coal. There are fifty-four miles of gas mains, and a considerable number of new services have been installed during the year.

SEVEN HUNDRED AT SUCCESSFUL ROTARY PARTY

Christmas Tree at Pantages Theatre Enjoyed by Young Guests

Rotarians acting as assistants to a genial Santa Claus and the King of Christmas himself had the busiest time yesterday afternoon at the huge Christmas tree celebration. Rotary had invited several hundred boys and girls to meet St. Nicholas at Pantages Theatre by 2 o'clock, but long before that time youngsters trying without success to keep in check their excitement at the treat in store crowded the doors of the theatre so the thoughtful hosts opened the party sooner than they had planned. Mr. Clarke, of the Columbia Theatre, rushed along the kind of moving picture comedy that the young people like, and the joyous party were soon in high spirits.

BIG THRILL

The big thrill came promptly on time. The curtain was drawn up to reveal a Christmas tree so great that the top branches were lost to sight. It glittered with hundreds of electric lights and gay decorations, and the branches drooped under the weight of the handsome toys awaiting the eager crowd.

Santa Ernie Halsall Claus made his appearance simultaneously. He was as real as his photographs on Christmas cards and gave the whole party one jolly greeting. To distribute his big supply of gifts in time for his young friends to be home for tea he enlisted the services of Rotarians Herbert Kent, Frank Sehl, H. F. Pullen, Jimmy Hunter, Vic Clarke and Bob Webb.

ALL KINDS OF TOYS

He had other Rotarians distributed throughout the theatre forming the children up in order to march on to the stage of the theatre where they received their Christmas toys. Dolls, sewing sets, story books, puzzles, games, mouth organs, hockey sticks, baseball bats, balls, drums were included in the wonderful variety and with horns drums and mouth organs brought into immediate service the party soon became the noisiest and as noise and happiness mean the same, the jolliest Christmas party held in Victoria this year. Seven hundred young Chrstmas guests of Santa helped demonstrate the fact.

There were several lame children from Saanich among the guests who were afraid they would not be able to attend the tree, but Rotarian Bill Nachtrieb brought them in his car, and they were also taken home by car.

The tree was decorated by Pete Johnson, Lloyd Mutrie, Ernie Halsall, Vic Clark, Harry Miller and Frank Sehl. Ernie Hayward had charge of the electric lights.

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EXPERIMENT WITH STRAW FOR PAPER

Test in France May Cause Building of Mills in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Dec. 29 — A shipment consisting of over 200 bales of straw wrapped in Canvas was forwarded yesterday from Winnipeg to Havre, France over the Canadian Pacific lines via West St. John.

This shipment consists of wheat, oats and flax straw taken from straw piles in the province of Manitoba and will be manufactured into straw pulp by the Devains Process Company at Grenoble, France, and shipped back to Winnipeg. If it is shown that the straw produces a good quality of straw pulp which can be used in the manufacture of high grades of paper it will result in the building of several straw pulp mills in this province with a production capacity of fifty to 100 tons of straw pulp daily throughout the entire year.

The building of straw pulp mills in Western Canada, it is stated, would be beneficial to the farmers of this country. Instead of burning the straw, as is now their practise, they would find a source of revenue open to them owing to the practical use that would be made of the straw in the manufacture of pulp.

TENDLER GETS CALL

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 29.—Lew Tendler won the judges' decision over "Pep" O'Brien, Scranton lightweight, in a ten-round bout last night.

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Dinner Napkins to match. A dozen, **$10.95** and **$8.75**

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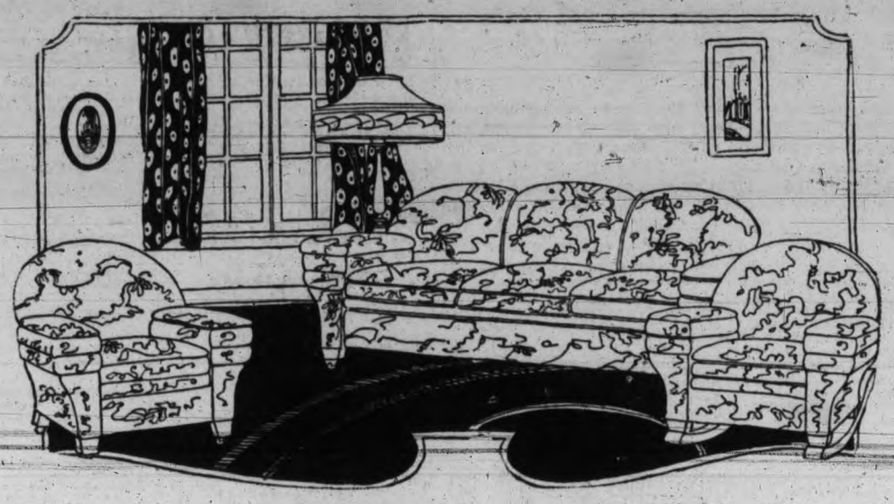
Cloths, 2 yds. x 3 yds., and Six Napkins, **$15.50** and **$21.50**
—Linens, Main Floor



DINING-ROOM SUITES

Six Very Superior Values

A Nine-piece Black Walnut Suite, Sheraton design, it includes a 66-inch buffet, an extension table 46 x 60 inches. An oval china cabinet with separate glass door, one arm and five small chairs for **$425.00**

A Nine-piece Walnut Suite, including 54-inch low back buffet a double door China Cabinet round extension table and set of chairs. This suite for only **$225.00**

An Eight-piece Solid Oak Dining-room Suite in golden or fumed finish, Queen Anne design. The suite includes a buffet with mirror, round extension table and a set of diners with slip seat upholstered with No. 1 leather for ...**$175.00**

A Nine-piece Quartered Oak Dining Suite, consisting of 54-inch buffet, large size China cabinet, round top extension table and full set of chairs. All in old English finish, **$310.00**

An Eight-piece Solid Oak Dining-room Suite, Queen Anne design, including a 60-inch buffet with low back and an oblong extension table; one arm and five small chairs upholstered with No. 1 leather. Special value at **$265.00**

An Eight-piece Solid Oak Dining-room Suite, including buffet with full size cupboard, round extension table mounted on heavy pedestal, five small and one arm chair with slip seats. All in old English finish for **$135.00**
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Kimonas for Girls

Very Neat and Big Values

Children's Kimonas in light and dark shades. They have round collar edged with narrow cord and finished with cord at waist. A large range of assorted patterns to select from. Shades included are pink, blue, navy, grey and red. For the ages of 6 to 14 years, each **$2.98**

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A Three-Piece Suite consisting of full size Chesterfield and two arm chairs, covered with blue design mohair on a rose background. They have Marshall spring cushions. A handsome suite at **$325.00**

A Three-Piece Suite, consisting of Chesterfield, arm chair and high back wing chair. All with reversible Marshall spring cushions and covered with good grade tapestry for **$275.00**

A Three-Piece Suite, including Chesterfield and two arm chairs, all with Marshall spring cushions. They are covered with a tapestry having a dark blue background. The three pieces for **$185.00**

One Only, Large All-over Upholstered Rocker with spring seat, back and arms, for **$75.00**

One Only, Arm Chair, with Marshall spring cushions, spring back and pillow arms. Covered with two-tone velour with a blue background, for **$49.00**

One Only, Arm Chair, with Marshall spring cushions and spring back. It is covered with an excellent tapestry and is a handsome piece. Value $36.00 for **$29.00**

Sleepy Hollow Chairs, upholstered with good grade tapestry, for **$14.00** and **$17.50**

Morris Chairs with solid oak frame, fumed finish, spring seat and back, adjustable seat, back and foot rest. Upholstered in Craftsman leather for **$25.00**

Morris Chairs with oak frame, fumed or golden, with spring seat and back. Upholstered with tapestry, for **$19.50**
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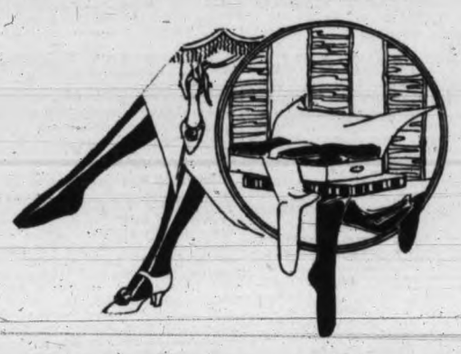

Hosiery Values for the New Year

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Women's Full-fashioned Pure Silk Kayser Hose, with wide hem tops, in all the wanted shades. Sizes 9½ and 10 for **$2.50**

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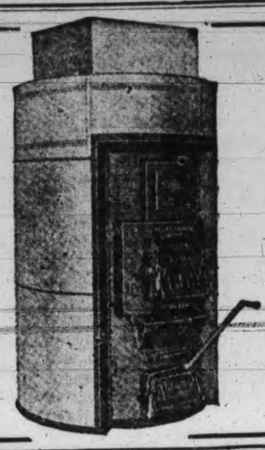

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The Jenkins left Fort William with a cargo of grain for Tiffin on Christmas Eve, and for some time lay outside Fort William harbor awaiting suitable weather in which to cross Lake Superior. All lake lights and buoys had been removed and navigation was exceptionally difficult.

Women's Missionary Society's Meeting

The Women's Missionary Society of the First Presbyterian Church heard encouraging reports at their annual meeting last week, all departments showing satisfactory progress and an increase in membership being recorded. The treasurer's report showed the total contributions of the year to be $1,251.10, an increase over last year's receipts of $207.05. Officers were elected as follows: President, Mrs. R. W. Mayhew; first vice-president, Mrs. W. G. Wilson; second vice-president, Mrs. H. H. Smith; recording secretary, Miss Curry, corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Adams, and treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Billingsley.

All societies are looking forward to the coming of the Presbyterial on January 18, when three sessions will be held in St. Columba Church. A splendid programme is being prepared.

Brigadier-General and Mrs. J. S. Dunbar, of Monterey Avenue, entertained last evening at a "bal masque" in honor of their daughter, Miss Jean Dunbar, at their home on Monterey Ave. Throughout the home were artistically arranged Christmas decorations, and Neary's orchestra supplied the music to which the merry guests danced. Mrs. Dick assisted Mrs. Dunbar in receiving the guests, who included Commander and Mrs. Beard, Colonel and Mrs. Codville, Colonel and Mrs. F. B. Eaton, Major and Mrs. Lawrence, Major and Mrs. Wright, Major and Mrs. Goodeve, Mr. and Mrs. G. Bolton, Mr. and Mrs. R. Ker, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baird, Mr. and Mrs. Harrison, Miss Constance Hope (Montreal), the Misses Nellie and Jennie Turner, Miss Dindy Cox, Miss Inez Carey, Miss Leslie Warnock, Miss Beryl McCulloch, Miss J. MacLaren, Miss Kathleen Carlysle, Miss Isabel Cockburn, Miss Peggy Scott, Miss Maisie Evans, Miss Peggy Hodgins, Miss Kathleen Fraser, Miss Alice Nash, Miss B. M. Pemberton, Miss Margaret Sayward, Miss "Tinker" Jones, Miss Mary Rattenbury, the Misses Norma and Helen Macdonald, Miss Helen Forman, Miss Marjorie Campbell, Miss Vivian Matson, Miss Gladys Irving, Miss Laura Eng, Messrs. Jack Lewis, Kenneth Raymur, Charles Cox, Russell and Dawson Turner, W. Haldane, Jack Devereaux, Jack Hutchinson, Lieut. Gow, Lieut. Barnes, Lieut. Holmes, Lieut. Donald, Lieut. Pressy, Messrs Harry, Alex. and Bert McPhillips, Gordon Crane, Alfred Crump, McMullen, Campbell, Gordon Burdick, Eric Burton, W. Merston, Percy Belson, Robert Harvey, H. and E. Elderton, Arthur Little, Jack Clay, Toby Hodgins, Roy Hadley, Mike Bell-Irving, Carew Martin, Herbert Beaven, John Proctor, Richard Edgehill, Hugh Peters, Francis Pemberton, Eric Beaston, F. Rattenbury and Ronny Buchanan.

IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN

Children Had Gala Night at Empress

Navy League Chapter's Annual Ball Proved Notably Successful Affair; Ballroom Presented Charming Scene

Bright eyes and bobbing curls, gay frocks and gauzy wings, and five hundred pairs of little feet dancing to the lilting music in the big Empress ballroom—could any city in the world, one wonders, present a lovelier total of childhood than was seen last evening at the children's ball.

It was undoubtedly the children's night, yet grown-ups flocked in throngs, and not only those with the excuse of little ones to chaperone, but others who had "borrowed" a youngster for the occasion, and dozens more without even that excuse, who merely went because they loved to watch the children. There was not a couch corner in the Lounge that didn't hold a delighted watcher, from the moment the little ones assembled on through the entrancing evening.

Prompt to the minute Heaton's orchestra struck up its merry strains, and the ballroom with its shaded lights became a bright kaleidoscope of rainbow hues as the children revolved in charming gravity or romped in light-hearted abandon.

The time had passed all too quickly—when at 9 o'clock the appearance of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor and Mrs. Mortimer Appleby with Mr. H. J. Muskett, gave the signal for the formation of the Grand March. A diminutive Bopeep, three-year-old Baby Watt, escorted by Beverley Honor as a gallant Jack Tar led the gay procession, with last year's leader, little Bunty Scott, as an American Beauty Rose, close behind them. The immortal question of Peter Pan, "Do you believe in fairies?" received a conclusive answer as the pagent wound round the room, fairies of all sorts and sizes, with flower characters being in the ascendant, while the boys' choice leaned towards pirates, sheiks and gollywogs. One small and elaborately draped angel feelingly remarked, or at any rate implied that if she had known how long it took an angel to dress she would have gone instead as a kewpie.

Another small debutante dressing for this, her first, big party, on being told that an orchestra of nine were going to play for the dancing exclaimed, "But won't they need a 'normous big piano,'" was another characteristic comment, while the sigh, "Oh, isn't it again to-morrow night?" with which another at midnight laid her weary but reluctant head upon her pillow, was undoubtedly echoed by the majority of the youngsters.

Twice was the big dining-room filled for supper to accommodate the many guests, and later a number of grown-ups came on from the pantomime, the ballroom being filled to capacity until the close of the evening.

In addition to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor many prominent Victorians attended the function.

WHO WERE THERE

Among the many little guests were: Gloria Wilson, Dragon Fly; Evelyn MacDonald, Powder Puff; John Bushby, Zulu Chief; Margaret Cookson, Jack Frost; Vera Cookson; Geraldine Saunders, Tyrolean Girl; Rosalind Willis, Blue Jay; Pamela Beard, Turkish Girl; Phyllis and Bert White, Gold Dust Twins; Betty Carlson (Los Angeles); Molly Clark; Heather Duncan, Fairy; Daphne Preston, Fairy; James Muskett, Sheik; Jessie Muskett and Mary Muskett, Fairies; Pamela Winslow, Betty and Peggy MacLean, Carnations; Roderick MacLean, Clown; Dorothy Freeman, Fairy; Laura Wilby, Rabbit; Marjorie Gibbons, Chinese Girl; Sheila Donnelly, Night; Noreen Donnelly, Gipsy; Jeanette Cronyn, Yellow Rose; Dorothy O'Connell, Starlight; Patricia Knight, Rose; Miriam and Frances Biggin, Fairies; Julia Meighen, Fairy Queen; Opal Crawford, Powder Puff; Lewis Morlarity, Jockey; Mary and Douglas Hunter; Phyllis McIntosh, Fairy; Gladys McIntosh; Audrey Bland, Queen of Hearts; Eileen Thain; Marjorie Fletcher, Highlander; Mary Thomson, Pierrette; Audrey Kinsman; Norma Kinsman; Florence Whitney; Desmond Burdon-Murphy, Pirate Chief; Brian Burdon-Murphy, Dick Whittington; Ginger Hotham, Spinning Top; Eric Hamber, Robin Hood; Eileen MacDonagh, Bo Peep; Barbara MacDonagh, Lady Jocelyn; Virginia Stevenson, Chinese Lady; Peggy Slade, Egyptian; Winifred Green, Fairy; Ailsa Barclay, Rosebuds; Keith Dorman; Maxine Green; Wanda Spencer, Angel; Marjorie Spencer, Turkish; Gladys Purvis, Queen of Hearts; Aline Cathels, Ballet Dancer; Edmund Cathels, Jack-in-a-Box; Beverley Valo, Pierrette; Elsie Knight, Lily of the Valley; Simonne Cross, Italian Girl; Willie Cross; Trevor Pidcock, Gollywog; Peggy Pidcock, Turkish Girl; Anne Mallek, Christmas Cracker; Muriel Baxter, Powed Puff; Billy Maynard, Pierrot; Arthur Maynard, Sailor Boy; Ethel Maynard, Dutch Girl; Katharine Johnston; Geraldine Kent, Turkish Girl; Dorothy Watts, Roma Dorman, Gwendoline Dorman, Ivy and Dorothy Walkem, Spanish Girls; Jewel Pettingel, Colonial Lady; Isabel Ramsey, Fairy; Diana Cunningham, Miss Muffett; Ruth Norton, Colonial; Francis Norton, Red Indian; Teddy Shingsby, Alec Manson, Dorothy Rogers, Turkish Lady; Melba Mills, Rosebud; Mabel Rogers, Rosebud; Margaret Sheret, Colonial; Margery Aitken, Spanish Girl; Frances Brien, Tulip; Eileen Regan, Old-Fashioned Girl; Phyllis Baylis, Fairy; Sylvia Cunningham, Shepherdess; Antoinette Hobbis, Betty Power, Doreen Campbell, Renee Fox, Egyptian Slave Dancer; Veney and Margaret Balls, Fairies; Elsa Halpin, Nymph; Peggy Horne, Chinese lady; Jeanette Pell, Lady of Georgian Period; Catherine Williams, Forget-Me-Not; Elizabeth Johnston, Marion MacMillan, Helen Mawhinney, Mimi Cox, Christmas Cracker; Helen Harris, Equestrienne; Lois Harris, Red Riding Hood; Marjorie Peden, Pierrette, and many others.

Mr. Guy Mountain, assisted by Captain Backler, R.N., and Mr. J. H. Delves, kindly undertook the responsibility of the gate receipts for the entire evening.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mr. and Mrs. Carlson, of Los Angeles, with her daughter Betty are visiting in the city with relatives.

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Miss Mae Dinsdale, who has been visiting in San Francisco and Santa Cruz, arrived back in Victoria for Christmas.

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Bishop of Columbia and Mrs. Schofield will be home to their friends on New Year's Day from 3 o'clock to 5.30 o'clock, at Bishopsclose, Vancouver Street, City.

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Francis Shepherd, formerly of Victoria but now of Los Angeles, who has motored north for a Winter holiday here, is the guest of his brothers at their bachelor apartments, James Bay.

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Mr. and Mrs. T. O'Connell, Princess Avenue, announce the engagement of their daughter Josephine Bernadette, to Harold Arthur, son of the late Mr. Arthur Lineham and Mrs. Lineham, Cook and Dallas Rd.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roe, of Pender Island and Victoria, will celebrate their golden wedding on the afternoon and evening of Monday, December 31, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. H. M. Bruce, 1467 Walnut Street.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. Armstrong, 960 Heywood Avenue, have as their guests over the holiday season their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Francis, who arrived in the city on Monday from Banff, Alta.

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Mrs. R. M. Pearce, who has been a guest for the past eight months at the Empress Hotel, returned to Japan on the Empress of Russia on Thursday. Mrs. Pearce's home, which was in the suburbs of Tokio, was totally engulfed in the big earthquake, but Mr. Pearce, who is in the silk importing trade, is remaining in the devastated country and the intention is to establish a new home at Kobe. Mrs. Pearce leaves her daughter here at St. Margaret's School, however, and will probably return to Victoria later. A large number of friends assembled at the wharf to bid her bon voyage.

Miss Constance Hope of Montreal is visiting in Victoria and is a guest at the Empress Hotel.

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The Dean of Columbia will be at home to gentlemen on New Year's Day at the Deanery from 3 to 6 o'clock.

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Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Losee (nee Stella Gosse), of Seattle, spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Gosse.

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Miss Gwen Gillis, a member of the teaching staff of the Ladysmith High School, who has been spending the Christmas holidays in the city with her parents, has left for Vancouver, where she will visit with friends for a few days.

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Santa Claus was a welcome visitor yesterday at the Christmas party given at the Protestant Orphans' Home, when the delighted youngsters received gifts from a beautifully decorated tree. A number of interested friends attended the party, among others being Rev. W. Carroll, Rev. W. Stevenson, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick and Mr. W. Marchant. The children entertained the gathering with some excellent songs and recitations, Mr. Pollard and Miss Parfitt, who are responsible for their training, being warmly complimented on the good results of their pupils' work.

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At Breadalbane, 1185 Fort Street, the minister's residence, a quiet wedding took place last evening, when Rev. Dr. Campbell celebrated the marriage of Mr. Amedee Gagnon and Mrs. Janet Miller, both of this city. The bride looked very charming in a handsome embroidered frock of canton crepe with picture hat, and was attended by her sister, Mrs. Christina Robertson, in a becoming gown of grey tricotine. The bridegroom was attended by Mr. John Cessford. After a honeymoon spent in Vancouver Mr. and Mrs. Gagnon will make their home in Victoria. Mr. Gagnon is a native of Canada, and Mrs. Gagnon is of Scottish birth.

McGILL GRADUATES ENTERTAIN DOCTOR

Dr. C. F. Martin Was Guest at Empress Luncheon Yesterday

In honor of Dr. C. F. Martin, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, McGill University, Montreal, and Mrs. Martin, the McGill graduates of Victoria entertained at a luncheon yesterday in the private dining-room of the Empress Hotel.

Dr. Keys, the president of the local society of McGill graduates, in introducing the guest of honor, eulogized the services rendered the university by Dr. Martin through his years of association with the students, as assistant professor and later as professor of clinical medicine, said Dr. Keys.

"The most valued possession of a university is its great names, or, in other words, the character of the men and women, past and present, who compose its teaching staff. Their moral and intellectual character is reflected in their graduates.

"The late Sir William Osler, born and educated in Canada, adopted by the United States, and accepted by Great Britain and acclaimed by the world as the greatest physician of all time, said that his success in life was due to the influence of three teachers—Dr. W. A. Johnson, Dr. James Bovill and Dr. Robert Palmer Howard.

"Among the names of the founders of McGill and early teachers we recall with reverence Craik, Howard, Osler, Girdwood, Roddick and Buller, and among their successors we recall those of Bell, Shepherd, Geddies and our guest of honor—Dr. C. F. Martin, vice-president of the McGill Graduate Society, Dean of the Medical Faculty—one of the world's leading authorities on internal medicine, held in wholesome respect by the students and loved and revered by every graduate in medicine."

On rising to address the assembled guests, Dr. Martin was greeted with lusty applause, followed by the McGill yell from the graduates. In his opening remarks he thanked the members of the society for the honor and cordial hospitably shown him and Mrs. Martin during their visit here, and of the additional pleasure of having at the luncheon two prominent doctors from Seattle, Dr. F. L. Horsfall and Dr. W. G. Gable, both graduates of McGill.

Special tribute was paid by Dr. Martin to the new president of the University, Sir Arthur Currie, whose charm, approachfulness and ability as administrator fitted him for this important position.

In outlining the advancement made in the various departments of the University, Dr. Martin told of the erection of two new buildings, of the foundation of a Faculty Club, for which purpose a large home had been given by an anonymous donor; of the improvement in the faculty of medicine whereby more personal attention was being given the students, and of the placing of post graduates courses on a definite basis, all of which had been made possible through the generous donation of approximately six million dollars by the people of Canada. In his opinion the Graduate Endowment Fund, established a few years ago, maintained the interests of the graduates in their alma mater.

In comparing present conditions at McGill with those of the past, Dr. Martin read extracts from The McGill News, of a "Night Off," as reported forty years ago, and of which he and Dr. H. Esson, formerly of Victoria, had vivid memories.

"MEDICALS TAKE A NIGHT OFF"

Last night the students of the Medical Faculty took a night off and held their annual parade of the town. Forming up on the campus outside the windows of the dissecting room, the "meds" moved in a compact body down College Avenue. Policeman McKonikey, who tried to stop them at the corner of Main Street, was knocked senseless and was deposited by two of the boys down the coal chute of the First National Bank. After upsetting a horse car, the driver of which sustained certain injuries by inadvertently falling under the horse, the boys proceeded to the corner of Main and First Streets, were speeches were made exalting the progress of the medical school, and where two more policemen were knocked senseless. The procession then moved uptown again towards the president's residence, carrying with it the front door of the First Baptist Church. After setting fire to the president's house the students adjourned to the campus, where they started a bonfire in which, unfortunately, one or two bystanders were accidentally burned about the feet, hands, head and body. The arrival of a body of mounted police, supported by a couple of squadrons of cavalry, brought the evening to a close.

The Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, in moving a vote of thanks, deemed it a great honor when a graduate of McGill, and to have been a student with Dr. Martin, one of McGill's greatest sons, and expressed the appreciation of the assembled guests for the interesting address. In seconding the vote, Dr. Frank Horsfall, of Seattle, stated that he felt deeply flattered and honored to be a guest at a luncheon given for such a distinguished guest, and that McGill in having Dr. Martin as Dean of the Medical Faculty had honored herself. In his opinion graduates from McGill ranked second to none.

At intervals during the luncheon old college songs were sung with enthusiasm, with Miss Grace Beckwith as accompanist.

The luncheon tables were decorated in college colors—red and white—while pennants adorned the walls and a large banner bearing the words "Welcome, Charlie," was placed in a prominent position.

Among those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. F. Martin, Dr. Horsfall and Dr. Gable, of Seattle; Dr. Keys, Rev. Dr. Leslie Clay, the Hon. Dr. J. D. MacLean, Hon. Dr. and Mrs. Sutherland, Mr. Joseph B. Clearihue, M.P.P.; Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. D. James Angus, Mr. G. H. Dawson, Mr. Fleet Robertson, Dr. Hermann Robertson, Dr. R. L. Fraser, Dr. E. C. Hart, Dr. H. E. Young, Mr. and Mrs. John Cochrane, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Graham, Mr. H. A. Beckwith, Miss Grace Beckwith, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Green, Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Miller, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon Kenning, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Charles Drury, Dr. A. D. Bechtel, Major Goodeve, Dr. Norman Taylor, Miss Taylor, Dr. and Mrs. T. McPherson, Dr. A. E. McMicking, Major Mr. and Mrs. E. Girdwood, Dr. H. J. Wasson, Mr. George McGregor, Dr. Cecil Hay, Dr. Stuart Kenning, Dr. Charles Duck, Dr. Howard Miller, Dr. Norman Williamson, of Montreal; Dr. McCallum, Mrs. W. T. Barrett, Mrs. H. A. Whillans, Mrs. M. Woods and Mrs. J. R. Redpath.

Esquimalt Women's Institute will start the New Year activities with a banquet at the Sailors' Club on Thursday, January 3. The committee in charge of arrangements are working hard to ensure a good time to all who attend. The banquet will commence at 6.30 and will be followed by a dance. Thorne and Fairy will provide the music. Members and their friends are requested to make reservations for the affair at once with the conveners, Mrs. Wise, phone 4764L, or Mrs. Etton, 3105Y2.

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Time for reflection is this holiday season. As we think of the dying year we are happy for what has been accomplished, and are thankful for all our good friends. We consider our customers our friends, for week after week we serve them and they are satisfied. Satisfaction and contentment are only possible between friends.

Looking backward we are grateful for the year's rewards—peering forward we are confident that the good accomplished this year will carry on into 1924. We are thankful alike to those who have been our patrons for many years and those who have come to us of late.

To them all we wish the best that 1924 may offer and that our relations during the next twelve-month may be as pleasant as that which is fast slipping away.

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YOUR HOME AND YOU

By HELEN KENDALL

Clearing Decks for New Year

By the end of Christmas week, when the novelty of gifts, decorations and festivities has died away, it is a good idea to begin clearing the decks for the New Year. Many of the accompaniments of the holiday season may be tucked away now and the rooms gradually rid of their congestion and confusion.

The wise mother will quietly remove some of the less popular toys and games received by the children and put them away in a cupboard, to be brought out when the favorite gifts have begun to lose their charm. The children will hardly miss them now, in the embarrassment of riches surrounding them, and the day will come when mother will feel the need for introducing something new to interest the jaded appetite for entertainment.

Now is the time, too, to take upstairs the monogrammed towels and gift doylies that have been lying upon tables and window seats, to put away personal neckwear, jewelry and stationery, and arrange in permanent places the candlesticks, book-ends and vases that have been part of the season's importation. Gifts that lie around too long collect dust and begin to look shopworn.

By the end of the week all dry and faded Christmas greens ought to be removed. The mistletoe begins to drop its curled leaves, and the hemlock and pine branches spray the floor with needles. Even the Christmas tree begins to shed; and, while it maybe desired to keep the tree lighted in the evening until after New Year's Day is over, it should certainly be taken out then.

In a large box place all the sheets of tissue paper, nicely folded, and in a kitchen drawer put all the larger paper wrappings. Roll the Christmas ribbons and cords into little skeins and fasten one end around the roll. These will come in handy for next year. Nice boxes can be stored away for use during the year; broken or dented ones should be thrown away at once.

Leave all the well-preserved wreaths and festoons up until New Year's Day is over, if you wish, but for pity's sake get rid of them while their charm and significance still remains. A stale Christmas is almost as bad as a stale cigar in any home.

NOT A VERY FESTIVE YULETIDE.—It looks as if it wouldn't be a very merry Christmas for these Germans. The photo just arrived from Berlin.

Knights of Pythias New Year's Eve

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AT THE THEATRES

"Take Them Where They Want to Go," Says John P. Sousa

In a jocular mood, recently, Lieut-Commander John Philip Sousa, the famous bandmaster, out of the wealth of his musical experience, drafted up a bill which he may present in the interests of music. Mr. Sousa's bill is entitled the Pure Song Bill, and if passed, it would create considerable of a furore along "Tin Pan Alley" as the song publishing district in New York is termed.

"Proposing laws seem to be our national pastime," says Sousa, "so I think I will offer my pure song bill. The first section of the bill would authorize the proper authorities, at their discretion, to send home the young men who are now singing the 'locality' songs.

"Recently, I attended a vaudeville performance in New York, and was entertained by a young man who was singing a song in which he expressed a fervid desire to be back in North Carolina in the morning. Now North Carolina was the last place in the world that young man would care to be to-morrow morning, or any other morning.

"With my bill in effect, he would have been singing a lyric which would run something like this, pronounciation and all:

'I wanna go back; I wanna go back, I wanna go back to the Bronx.'

And he made it worse by saying 'goil' for girl and 'erl' for oil.

"I wonder if it is generally known to the public that the young man who glorified the Southern 'mammy' in song is the son of a Philadelphia minister, who on a fortune made from 'mammy' songs, plans upon his retirement to live, not in the regions he has made famous, but at Great Neck, Long Island?"

Sousa's Band will appear at the Royal, to-day, afternoon and evening.

AT THE THEATRES

Royal—Sousa and His Band.
Capitol—"Big Brother."
Dominion—"The Call of the Canyon."
Playhouse—"The Little Minister."
Columbia—"Stepping Fast."

Tom Mix Gets Ticket for China, Return, Columbia

Tom Mix and his famous horse "Tony" are only together for a short time in their latest William Fox picture "Stepping Fast," which will be shown for the last time to-night at the Columbia Theatre.

This story calls for world-wide action and carries Tom to China where he engages in a series of thrilling fights, and back again to the ruins of the cliff dwellers in the Arizona Desert.

San Carlo Operas Packed Though Strike Continued

The extraordinary popularity of the San Carlo Grand Opera Company, to be presented in Victoria this season, in Rigoletto and Madame Butterfly, at the Royal Victoria Theatre on Wednesday and Thursday, January 2 and 3, was never more evident, or its effect more felt than during the recent strike in the newspaper plants of New York City.

The strike began on Monday evening, September 17, the very night the San Carlo opened its five weeks season at the Century Theatre, and for nearly two weeks thereafter greater New York was without its regular daily newspapers.

THE ACID TEST

Enterprises in almost every line of endeavor were hard hit. Big business, the Stock Exchange, the department stores, factories, shops and theatres, daily reported losses running into millions, and clamored for an immediate cessation of the ruinous strike, so that they could receive their full allotment of space in the papers again. They simply could not go on without the principal means of publicity. It was the acid test.

And how fared the San Carlo Grand Opera at the Century Theatre? There were no publicity notices or critical reviews; true, the critics put fogth their usual fine efforts, but hard-hit editors threw these into the discard from lack of space. The usual daily Opera display advertisements were curtailed to an insignificant two or three lines, in type so small as to be scarcely legible. It was a splendid opportunity for calamity howlers.

And here is the San Carlo's answer: During that first critical week the Company did a gross business of over $32,000 at the Century Theatre, breaking all New York records. Almost every performance was presented to sold-out houses, and on several occasions all tickets were sold an hour before the rise of the curtain.

That's how Fortune Gallo's San Carlo Grand Opera Company stood the acid test of popularity. It was "cause and effect" with a vengeance. Victoria will be proud indeed to welcome the organization here with open arms this season.

Mr. Gallo, in an interview the other day, expressed his heart-felt thanks for this splendid support accorded him at such an embarrassing time. Its deep-rooted significance has not escaped him, he said, and he would like the legions of opera lovers everywhere to know that it is going to spur him on to even greater efforts to bring first class grand opera within the reach of all the people, throughout the country.

Jackie Coogan as he appears at the Dominion next week in "Long Live the King."

Band Concert at Capitol on Sunday

The fourth band concert of the season on Sunday evening at the Capitol promises an unusually interesting programme, and the fact that the band of the 16th Canadian Scottish (by kind permission of Lt.-Col. Urquhart, M.C., D.S.O., A.D.C.) is playing in splendid form this season should again bring out another large audience. Among the selections are the "Ruy Blas" Overture (Mendelssohn), a special request of the Yuletide potpourri "Around the Christmas Tree" (Tobani), a solo by the excellent trombonist of the band, C. Raine, who will play "There Is a Green Hill Far Away" (Gounod); the popular selection on old-time melodies and Regan's "Military Tattoo." The singers are Mrs. W. P. McDonagh, a soprano well-known to local concert platforms, who will sing W. H. Squire's new song, "Mountain Lovers." It will be remembered that the composer of this song was the admirable 'cellist with the Dame Clara Butt concert party heard here a few weeks ago, and another coming local baritone is the appearance of J. J. Matheson, who will give "Life's Highway" and "My Old Shako." The accompanists will be Mrs. Clifford Warn and Mrs. A. Wright.

ORATORIO WAS FINELY SUNG

Jackson Hanby Choral Organization Presented "The Messiah" at Centennial

The Jackson Hanby choral organization once more maintained its stirling characteristic as a body of singers last evening at the Centennial Church. The occasion was the production of Handel's "Messiah," and an interesting fact in connection therewith was that for the first time, and perhaps the first occasion in Canada, the work was broadcasted by radio.

The chorus work was again of a high standard balance in expressive effects, careful gradations in tonal qualities, excellent in attack, and withal a better result in articulation throughout. The great first choral number "And the Glory of the Lord," declaring the truth of the prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, the mighty chorus "For Unto us a Child Is Born," "Glory to God," "All We, Like Sheep," "Lift Up Your Heads" and the triumphant chorus the "Hallelujah," the most wonderful example of chorus writing ever written, and which has never been equalled by any composer of any school, were all splendid achievements, and Jackson Hanby again deserves much recognition as to his merits as chorus master. The principals are all well known on local concert platforms, and with the exception of Handley Wells, basso, who has not hitherto identified himself with oratorio work locally, all acquitted themselves with most estimable results.

Mrs. Edward Parsons in the soprano role proved most capable, her production, excellent diction, and voice control throughout her registers were accomplishments of a high standard. "Rejoice Greatly," one of the greatest arias in the oratorio, and the divine aria, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth," were given with distinction and confidence.

Mrs. Jesse Longfield, contralto, as usual, sang most artistically. Her lovely voice was a delight in "Behold, a Virgin," and "He Was Despised."

William Draper was heard to much better advantage than on a former occasion. His part was rendered with excellent discretion. He never lacks intelligence, and his recite and arias were examples of interpretative understanding. Particularly his singing of "Every Valley," and "Thou Shalt Break Them," were very fine efforts.

Handley Wells was heard for the first time in oratorio, and he created a distinctive impression. His style, authoritiveness and expressive deliverances were notable features of the evening. Using his fine bass voice throughout with a true grasp of the meaning of the divine words his arias "But Who May Abide," "The People Who Walked in Darkness," and "Why Do the Nations," one of the finest baritone arias ever written were admirable achievements.

Alfred Gurney, who presided at the organ, gave adequate and constant support to soloists and chorus, and Mrs. F. Grace Deaville lent additional and skilful aid at the piano. Rev. Dr. Clem Davies read the texts from the scriptures, and the fairly large audience gave many manifestations of their delight and interest in Handel's most beloved oratorio.

"Sixteen Dancing Daisies" With Wynn in "The Perfect Fool"

Those of the good old general public who feel their existence on this terrestrial sphere is too dourly devoid of hilarity can take heart, for it is announced that A. L. Erlanger, in association with B. C. Whitney, will present Ed. Wynn, "The Perfect Fool," in a new musical delight at the Royal Victoria Theatre, two nights, Wednesday and Thursday, January 9 and 10.

The new production will be distinctively "Ed. Wynn" from beginning to end, for the star not only wrote the lyrics and music but he also thought up the jokes, picked out the performers and arranged the order of the scenes, of which there will be nineteen, divided into two acts.

And then, by way of fair measure, Wynn himself will contribute a lot of new stunts entirely different from those he has done in the past and, in addition, for the first time in his historic career he will sing and exhibit his skill as an acrobatic dancer. This latter stunt, incidentally, is a side line which the comedian long has been holding out, for it is a talent that very few of his intimate friends ever have suspected he possessed.

Wynn did not paint the scenery exactly, but he did tell the artists just what he wanted and turned over the direction of the dance numbers to Julian Mitchell. Antonio Bafunno will again wield the baton for "The Perfect Fool" and augmented orchestra.

Besides Ed. Wynn, the principals include Flo Newton, Nydia d'Arnell, True Rice, Johnny Dale, Arthur F. Burckly, Cass Burt, "That Girl Quartette," which comprises Harriette Keyes, Lorretta Ferrati, Ivey Kirkwood and Jeanette Fielding. The Meyakos, a clever juvenile trio, are introduced effectively in new surprises.

The principal dancers will be Estelle Penning, Anita Furman, Edna Hamel, Grace Russell, Betty Barclay, Olive Birmingham, Arvis Smith, Edna Terry, Jere Fitzgerald and Wynn's Wynn-ing, Wynn-some, ensemble of charm and distinction, including the "Sixteen Dancing Daisies."

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MOST FAMOUS STREET IN WORLD

Strand Plans to Stage "Come Back"

London, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press).—Last month saw the seventeenth anniversary of Kingsway and Aldwych.

Those who regarded it as practically certain that this great development would have a direct and almost immediate effect upon the neighboring Strand have been doomed to disappointment," says a writer in The Observer. He continues:

"Even as Kingsway and Aldwych have become, month by month, more gleamingly respectable, and increasingly uninteresting, so has the Strand worn its tatterdemalion garments with an ever-growing shamelessness. The most famous street in the world seems to take a positive delight in being disreputable.

"It is no exaggeration to describe the Strand as the most famous street in the world. Its name is as full of magic to the Briton and the stranger in all parts of the earth as is the conjurer's wand to the child eager to be fascinated and mystified. Its story is a large slice out of the history of England, yet it is the ugly duckling of London's thoroughfares.

"This condition of things is all the more remarkable when one remembers—and it is easy to forget sometime—what architectural treasures the Strand possesses/ Streets Law Courts!. For all the abuse that has been showered upon this wonderful mass of Portland stone by the anti-neo-Gothic folk there is not one of us who is not secretly or openly proud of it. Wren's Middle Temple Gateway is just without the Strand, but yet seems of it. Westward there stands, sentinel-wise, the Wren-Gibbs church of St. Clement-Danes, something to prepare the eye for the exquisite church of Mary-le-Strand, by Gibbs. This island church has for companionship Somerset House, one of the rarest examples of eighteenth century architecture, and the new Bush Building, the most fascinating block of offices set up in London during the present century. Australia House, The Morning Post office, and the new Gaiety Theatre, with its "most decorative blank wall in Europe," are all fine structures which should save any street from the fate which seems to have overtaken the Strand. Beyond Wellington Street are vast hotels, popular theatres, well-known restaurants, a famous hospital, and a great terminal railway station. Add to all this the fact that the Strand is the great historic highway that carries the court to the city, and the lawyer and the business man to their clients in the West End, and what more do you want?

"As a shopping thoroughfare the street has taken on an adventitious character that would bring blushes to the cheek of the Edgeware Road. Importunate traders stand by their doorways soliciting the custom of the passer-by. Cheap clothing, passport photos, surplus war stocks, picture postcards—anything is good enough to sell in the Strand to-day. The old-fashioned shops with tradition behind them can be counted on the fingers of one hand, leaving the thumb out at that. To all intents and purposes the Strand to-day is three-quarters of a mile of penny-gaff.

"But now, at last, some real improvements are about to be effected which should radically alter this state of things. The widening opposite the new Tivoli was but an earnest of what was to come. In a week or two the housebreaker will be busy upon two large sections of shabby old buildings possessed of no architectural merit and in their place will rise up magnificent blocks of offices and shops, set fifteen feet back from the present street line and built of Portland stone. The elevations will follow a definite architectural idea, and fortuitous building will be, as far as possible, avoided."

WOULD PAY IN FRENCH CURRENCY

Chinese Government Unwilling to Pay Boxer Indemnity in Gold

Peking, Dec. 29. — China has reiterated her stand against payment of the Boxer indemnity to France in gold as demanded by that country and insisted that France accept payment in French currency.

Dr. D. K. Wellington Koo, Foreign Minister, replying for his Government to the collective notes of the eight powers, which with China alone remain parties to the protocol of 1901, regulating the Boxer indemnity payments, declined to accept the powers' interpretation of the term "Gold debt" around which the controversy has revolved. Instead, he declared, the powers once having stipulated how China must pay, the fluctuations of exchange can not be considered "valid ground either for placing a new interpration" on the previous arrangement or "proposing a radical departure in the mode of payment selected."

ACCEPTED RISK

"The Chinese Government accepted the arrangement of 1905 and therewith the risk of the fluctuation of exchange rates," Dr. Koo asserted, "because they understood that while they might incur losses, as they have from time to time in the past, there might also at times be gains in their favor."

He pointed out that of 140 months in which payments have been effected, the exchange rate favored China in sixty-six and was adverse to her in seventy-four.

PAID MONTHLY

"Although the fluctuations thus have been wide, the powers always received the stipulated amounts in their respective currency month after month and year after year."

The reply went on: "In view of the foregoing the Chinese Government is of the opinion that the word 'gold' as used in the protocol and the arrangement of 1905 can not reasonably mean other than the currencies of the signatories on the basis of their respective gold standards."

Santa's Ponies to Give One More Shou Then Head For Home

Santa Claus's ponies will make their last appearance at Spencer's on Monday afternoon, according to Jim McCleave, who is looking after the horses for Santa. Having completed his visits to the children yesterday by attending the Rotary Christmas tree, Santa is anxious to return to his home at the North Pole on Tuesday next so as to attend to his tremendous amount of correspondence and make arrangements for next Christmas.

The ponies have been in steady service at Spencer's for three weeks and hundreds of children have had rides on them. Mr. McCleave announces that Monday will be the last chance for the kiddies to ride and all who have not yet had a ride are invited to have one.

January, the twenty-two-year-old bucking pony, will do his regular stunt. January lets the children ride in safety on his back but the moment an adult tried to get aboard he bucks and fusses until he had discharged his cargo.

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OCEAN AND COASTWISE SHIPPING

GOVERNMENT WILL INSURE VESSELS

Canada's proposal to enter into marine insurance is creating considerable interest. The Government, which is operating a large fleet of ships, is objecting to the clause known as the B.N.A. clause in Canadian policies.

Under this clause ships are warranted not to enter or sail from any port or ports, place or places in British North America on the Atlantic Coast excepting Halifax, Louisburg and Sydney for the purpose of coaling, and not north of 50 degrees north latitude on the Pacific Coast.

It is said that thus far insurance underwriters have not shown any disposition to meet the demands and it is stated that there is little doubt, when Spring opens the Eastern season, that there will be some ships insured by the Canadian Government. The amount of extra premiums the Canadians have to pay as a result of this clause is said to be very large. It applies on hulls and cargoes outward on Pacific and Atlantic. Canadian representatives of some underwriters have intimated they might make some concessions, but the Department of Marine is demanding that it be eliminated in toto. The establishment of a Canadian Lloyds is said to meet with considerable approval.

MAH JONG SOCIETY FORMED

New York, Dec. 29.—Ma-jong is no longer mah-jongg—it is ma chiang, and all other spellings are an unjustified convenience, a salable trademark, a corruption of pure Chinese or just plain presumption.

That was the finding at the end of a heated discussion in the Astor Gallery of the Waldorf-Astoria between educated Chinese experts, teachers, and enthusiasts who thus showed the tremendous seriousness that can exist at the organization meeting of a body whose name is the International Ma Chiang (commonly known as Mah-jongg) Players' Association. That, too, was decided.

The purpose of this association is to standardize and to maintain a high standard of Ma Chiang playing throughout the country according to the true Chinese method. No more homes will be broken up over a difference in ways of scoring; no more teachers shall be shocked by being called up in the middle of the night to be asked by a male pupil how he shall count his wife's "Heavenly Twins" when no such animal exists; no more persons shall be allowed to get up and say: "I invented the game because you are using my rules." The new association is bound it shall see to that.

The foregathering came as a result of a previous assembly at the Ritz-Carlton, suggested by Mrs. C. Frederick Kohl and Sang M. Ho, former expert in China. Interested teachers from several States attended, discussed the deplorabilities in the realm of bamboos and dragons and appointed an organization committee to draw up a charter, decide what should be decided and start the works. On the committee were Mr. Ho, Mrs. Kohl and C. G. Anderson, G. W. Lee and C. K. Wang, Chinese graduates of Oxford, and W. C. Meh, of Stanford University.

Fifty out of an expected 200 augmented by the presence of Robert E. Foster, bridge expert, and Edgar Winters, author of a book on the game, listened to this committee settle three points—the spelling of the game's name and the naming of the organization, the qualifications for membership and the amount of dues. Mrs. Kohl presided and Mr. Ho read the charter.

It took an hour to get beyond the spelling of the name. Perhaps no one man who the day before had decided for was less concerned than the lady chairman who the day before had decided her part that nothing could be simpler or nicer than "ma-jong." The fact was raised, however, that "mah-jongg" was already copyrighted and that there was no certain correct spelling of what was merely the phonetic writing in English of a Chinese word for "sparrow," itself pronounced differently in three parts of China. Mr. Anderson, an experienced teacher who patented one form of the game in England in 1913 under the name of "diplomat," said that the first duty of such an association should be to decide the spelling of the name and that the only correct spelling could be that "pronounced" in Pekin, where pure Chinese is spoken. Hence ma chiang.

PLAYERS MIGHT BEAT JUDGES

When that was settled Mr. Foster protested the advisability of setting up qualifications of the ability to play for membership. The rejected players, he said, would wager they could beat their judges and probably do it. Without a murmur of dissent the constitution was amended so that membership depended only upon the desire to advance the best playing by rules laid down by the standardization committee. Dues were widely discussed and passed as in the charter, $15 per annum.

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CINCINNATI IS SISTER SHIP TO CRUISER OMAHA

Will be Here in February; Has Splendid Armament; One of New U.S. Warships

Following the advice received yesterday, that the United States warship Cincinnati would visit Victoria between February 1 and 4, it is interesting to note that she is a sister ship to the United States light cruiser Omaha, which was here last May 24 during the Maytime Frolic.

She is one of the ten "Omaha class" scout cruisers built during the years 1920 and 1921. Of these ten ships only six have been completed. They are the Omaha, Milwaukee, Cincinnati, Detroit, Richmond, and the Concord. The Raleigh, Trenton, Marblehead and Memphis were never completed, owing to the regulations set down at the Washington disarmament conference.

The Cincinnati is in length 550 feet at the waterline and has a fifty-five-foot beam. Her length over all is 555½ feet, while her draft is 16-6 feet. Normal displacement tonnage is 7,500 tons, while with full load she is 9,000 tons. She is a product of the Todd Shipyards, Tacoma, and was built in 1921, being completed on May 23.

Equipped with four engines in two separate engine rooms the Cincinnati is capable of producing thirty-five knots an hour. The engines are of Parsons's turbine type with reduction gears and were built by Westinghouse. They are of 108,000 horse power and drive four propellors.

SPLENDID ARMAMENT

In armament she is well equipped. There are ten torpedoes, two on each side of the upper aft deck and two tubes on each side of the lower decks.

A turret on the lower stern deck carries all modern equipment including the new twin six-inch guns on either side of the vessel, while on the forward deck another turret possessing two six-inch guns, together with twin guns of the same size on either side of the upper forward deck make a total of twelve six-inch guns. In addition to this she carries four three-inch .50 calibre guns and two saluting guns.

The aircraft catapults are part of the equipment of this ship. Two aeroplanes are placed on these catapults and thrown in whichever direction is required according to the speed of the boat. Tracks and equipment for the placing of mines is another feature of the ship's armament.

TRIAL TESTS

The Cincinnati went through her trial tests yesterday morning in the Strait of Juan de Fuca after leaving her finishing docks at the Todd yards.

The acceptance borad is composed of Capt. D. W. Blamer, Capt. D. C. Nutting and Com. J. C. Fisher. On the trip also are Lieut.-Com. J. G. B. Gromer, Capt. L. Shane and Com. J. W. Woodruff.

Capt. C. P. S. Nelson, U.S.N., is to command the Cincinnati when she is commissioned. With his men—who later will form the vessel's complement—he watched the performance of the ship on her trial run in the Strait with more than ordinary interest. There were 192 men of Captain Nelson's command on the vessel. However, they are not taking an active part in the vessel's navigation.

Capt. John Bulong, veteran Puget Sound pilot in charge of the other scout cruisers on their trial runs, piloted the Cincinnati. The beautful ship proceeded at nominal speed to Port Townsend, and from that point westward was put through speed tests in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

U.S. NAVAL CRAFT COMING HERE IN FEBRUARY

U. S. S. CINCINNATI

TWO RECORDS ARE BROKEN BY TOKIWA MARU HERE TO-DAY

Docked Here Two Days Ahead of Schedule, Creates Record For Freighters

Setting two records, the first a speed record for N.Y.K. freighters crossing the Pacific and the second a record raw silk shipment for the Nippon Yusen Kaisha boats, the Tokiwa Maru, Captain Matsusaki, docked at Rithet's piers this morning at 9.30 o'clock, making her first visit here in the new N.Y.K. service.

The Tokiwa Maru left Yokohama on December 15 and aided by favorable weather made the trip to Victoria in thirteen days, whereas it has always taken the N.Y.K. freighters from fourteen to fifteen days to do in the past. The Tokiwa is the largest and most powerful of these freighters and she made a good average of twelve knots an hour coming across. This, however, is not a record for the passenger type vessels, which make the trip in twelve days frequently.

RECORD SILK

Bringing the largest cargo of raw silk from Yokohama for transshipment at Seattle, that an N.Y.K. steamship has ever carried, the Tokiwa Maru created another record for the company. She had 4,273 bales of raw silk for transshipment. This is valued at approximately $5,000,000, and exceeds all shipments ever made by the N.Y.K. line in the past. Her cargo for Seattle amounted 530 tons, including 1,943 cases of porcelain and forty-five tons of walnuts. For Victoria there were 130 tons of cargo and an optional cargo of 200 sacks of beans. There were very few passengers on board, the total being five first class, which is all that the vessel can carry.

LATEST MOVEMENTS OF C.G.M.M. SHIPS

Canadian Britisher arrived Calcutta Dec. 6.

Canadian Freighter left Vancouver for Yokohama and Shanghai Nov. 24.

Canadian Highlander left Kobe for Vancouver Dec. 11.

Canadian Importer arrived Vancouver Dec. 13 (Hastings Mill).

Canadian Inventor, left Brisbane for New York Dec. 15.

Canadian Prospector left Colon for Norfolk Dec. 17.

Canadian Seigneur left Sydney for Vancouver Dec. 12.

Canadian Scottish arrived Vancouver Dec 19 (southwest side Ballantyne Pier).

Canadian Skirmisher arrived Vancouver Nov. 28 (northwest side Ballantyne Pier).

Canadian Transporter arrived Yokohama Dec. 2.

Canadian Traveller arrived Sydney Dec. 15.

Canadian Winner left Norfolk for United Kingdom Dec. 10.

Canadian Farmer left Astoria for Pedro Dec. 17.

Canadian Observer arrived Ocean Falls Dec. 18.

Canadian Rover left san Francisco for Vancouver direct Dec. 17.

Canadian Volunteer left San Francisco for Vancouver Dec. 16.

TIDES AT VICTORIA

December

Day	Time h.m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.	Time h. m.	Ht ft.
1 ..	2.01	3.6	10.00	8.5	....	..	....	..
2 ..	2.48	4.2	10.33	8.7	17.10	5.8	22.15	6.3
3 ..	3.38	5.0	10.50	8.9	17.55	4.8	23.56	6.5
4 ..	4.32	5.7	11.18	9.2	18.39	3.4	....	..
5 ..	1.22	6.9	5.30	6.3	11.47	9.6	19.22	2.4
6 ..	2.42	7.3	6.30	6.9	12.17	9.8	20.04	1.5
7 ..	4.06	7.7	7.31	7.4	12.49	9.9	20.46	0.6
8 ..	5.34	8.1	8.30	7.7	13.23	9.9	21.29	0.7
9 ..	6.38	8.4	9.28	8.0	13.58	9.7	22.13	0.7
10 ..	7.25	8.6	10.27	8.1	14.27	9.3	22.57	1.1
11 ..	8.06	8.7	11.20	8.1	14.48	8.8	23.42	1.7
12 ..	8.40	8.8	12.46	7.8	15.04	8.0	....	..
13 ..	0.27	2.5	9.05	8.9	....	..	....	..
14 ..	1.13	3.4	9.24	9.0	....	..	....	..
15 ..	1.59	4.3	9.48	9.1	18.20	5.7	21.28	5.9
16 ..	2.44	5.2	10.16	9.1	18.32	5.0	....	..
17 ..	....	..	....	..	10.46	9.2	18.51	4.3
18 ..	....	..	....	..	11.17	9.2	19.14	3.8
19 ..	....	..	....	..	11.47	9.1	19.39	3.2
20 ..	....	..	....	..	12.15	9.2	20.05	2.7
21 ..	....	..	....	..	12.38	9.2	20.32	2.2
22 ..	....	..	....	..	12.48	9.2	21.01	1.9
23 ..	....	..	....	..	13.48	9.2	21.32	1.7
24 ..	....	..	....	..	12.59	9.2	22.06	1.7
25 ..	8.32	8.4	10.26	8.3	13.27	9.0	22.43	1.8
26 ..	8.46	8.4	11.24	8.2	14.08	8.7	23.22	2.1
27 ..	8.19	8.4	12.25	7.9	14.57	8.3	....	..
28 ..	0.02	2.7	8.16	8.5	12.29	7.4	15.56	7.6
29 ..	0.42	3.3	8.30	8.6	14.32	6.7	17.08	6.9
30 ..	1.23	4.1	8.53	8.8	15.33	5.7	20.25	6.3
31 ..	2.01	4.9	9.20	9.1	16.31	4.8	22.32	6.3

MAKURA BRINGS A LARGE BUTTER SHIPMENT HERE

Liner Arrived This Morning With Captain Crawford on Bridge

Ship's Commander Will Make Three More Trips

Completing an uneventful trip the Canadian-Australasian liner Makura, Captain R. Crawford, docked at Pier 2 this morning at 8.30 o'clock with the season's first shipment of New Zealand butter for the local market. She had a light passenger list. There were only 116 passengers altogether. Traveling saloon there were thirty-six, while in the second class there were forty passengers. The same number traveled third class.

In addition to her usual cargo of hides, wool and pineapples the Makura brought the season's first shipment of New Zealand butter. There were 1,100 cases for Victoria and 6,000 cases for Vancouver, making a total of 7,000 cases altogether.

Captain Crawford is once again on the bridge of the Makura. He reported an excellent trip from the Antipodes and stated that he would continue in command for about three more trips before going to England to take over the command of the new motorship Aorangi.

This points to an early completion of the motorship. It was thought that possibly the vessel would not be ready until next Fall, but it is apparent that work is going forward favorably in England and the liner will be ready about next June.

The Makura had very little cargo for this port. Some fifty tons were discharged here, while for Vancouver she had 800 tons of cargo.

PREPARATIONS FOR WORLD CRUISE ARE WELL UNDER WAY

Empress of Canada to Have Many New Novelties For World Cruise

To be behind the scenes when the world is being shown to an interested audience is the experience of the large staff employed by the Canadian Pacific on the Empress of Canada, starting out from New York on a cruise of the globe on January 30, 1924. Preliminary to this start executives and officials of various departments are busily engaged preparing the theatre and the stage setting. In the arrangements nothing is forgotten, not even George Washington, "Abe" Lincoln, St. Patrick, nor St. Valentine are to be overlooked. As the Empress celebrates their memorial days in her wanderings from port to port it is necessary to make advance arrangements for festivities.

Among the many and varied novelties being installed is the latest type of soda-fountain so that Canadians will not have to do with a David Harum or a Butter Scotch sundae when in sunny Italy or in India. Two leading Canadian photographers have been engaged and will have charge of the photographic work during the cruise. The capacity of the barber shop has been doubled besides there being on board a manicurist and ladies' hairdresser.

A twelve-piece orchestra has been specially selected for concert and dance music. A competent social directress has been engaged who will be assisted in her duties by two chaperones. One of the chaperones will have charge of the morning dancing classes.

The special radio service installed and the daily newspaper issued on board will give the globe-trotters the last word in world news.

A laundry, complete in every detail will be in charge of a laundry superintendent who has been appointed to the ship after twenty-five years' experience in operating a laundry. The equipment is able to handle the work for the entire cruise, including the ship's linen and passenger' laundry.

The two special baggagemen who made the round-the-world cruise on the Empress of France last year, have been transferred to the Empress of Canada.

Two public stenographers have been added to the ship's personnel.

CANADIAN SERVICE TO BE MAINTAINED

Anchor-Donaldson Line to Have Athenia, Saturnia and Cassandra on Run

Franconia Has Been Chartered For Cruise to Midnight Sun

The Anchor-Donaldson's Canadian service will be maintained throughout the Winter and Summer months of 1924 by the new oil-burning liner Athenia, 14,000 tons and the Saturnia and Cassandra, it was learned this morning. During the Summer months the Athenia will call at Liverpool each westbound voyage and the Saturnia will make a call at Moville, Londonderry, after leaving Glasgow, enroute to Quebec and Montreal.

The Summer service from Montreal to Glasgow will be opened with the "Athenia" sailing from Montreal May 8, followed by the "Cassandra" May 15.

The Cunard Line are resuming the Canadian-Liverpool Service which has been in abeyance since the outbreak of war on account of the loss of tonnage, with the two magnificent liners Caronia and Carmania, 20,000 tons gross, which steamers will sail from Quebec to Liverpool, commencing with the Carmania from Quebec on May 2, followed by the Caronia on May 16, and fortnightly thereafter, carrying saloon, second class and third class passengers. These very popular steamers will be a splendid addition to the Canadian Fleet.

The Cunard Line's new 15,000 oil-burning steamers Andania, Antonia and Ausonia, will continue the same service as formerly during the next Summer. These steamers provide the only direct passenger connection with London from a Canadian Port, which will be a very convenient service for passengers who intend to visit the British Empire Exhibition next Summer.

The Summer service of the Cunard steamers from Montreal will commence with the Andania May 3, followed by the Andania May 17, and the Ausonia May 24. Reservations for the early Spring and Summer sailing have already been made, and it is advisable for those who contemplate making a trip during the coming Spring and Summer to have their reservations early as the bookings will be very heavy for these sailings.

Raymond and Whitcomb Company have chartered the Franconia for their "Midnight Sun Cruise" to leave New York June 26, 1924. The route of the cruise will include Iceland, North Cape and all the Great Norwegian Fjords. Nowadays, when the steamship companies build new ships they have them so designed as to serve not only as splendid transatlantic liners but also to be used—when occasion demands—as cruise ships.

Ships at a Glance

To Arrive

Empress of Australia from Yokohama, Jan. 2.

R.M.S. Makura from Sydney, December 29.

Niagara from Sydney, Feb. 2.

Tokiwa Maru from Yokohama, December 31.

Alabama Maru from Yokohama, December 17

Author from Liverpool, Dec. 27.

Coloniak from Liverpool, Jan. 20.

Spectator from Liverpool, Jan. 30.

President Jackson from Yokohama, Dec. 31.

Presidesnt Jefferson from Yokohama, Jan. 12.

Empress of Asia, Yokohama for Victoria, February 4. Yokohama, Maru, Yokohama for Victoria, January 9. Narenta, United Kingdom for Victoria, December, 18.

TO SAIL

Hakata Maru for Orient, Dec. 29.

Shidzuoka Maru for Yokohama, Jan. 3.

Makura for Sydney, Jan. 4.

Empress of Australia for Yokohama, Jan. 10.

TRANSPACIFIC MAILS

December, 1923.

China and Japan

President Grant—Mails close Dec. 4, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Dec. 16, Shanghai Dec. 21, Hongkong Dec. 25.

Africa Maru—Mails close Dec. 22, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 7.

Empress of Russia—Mails close Dec. 27, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 8, Shanghai Jan. 13, Hongkong Jan. 16.

President McKinley—Mails close Dec. 28, 4 p.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 9, Shanghai Jan. 14, Hongkong Jan. 18.

Protesilaus—Mails close Jan. 3, 9 a.m.; due at Kobe Jan. 18, Hongkong Jan. 31.

Australia and New Zealand

Niagara—Mails close Dec. 8, 9 a.m., direct; due Auckland Dec. 28.

Maunganui—Mails close Dec. 18, 4 p.m., via San Francisco; due Wellington Jan. 12.

Sonoma (Australia only)—Mails close Dec. 29, 4 p.m., via San Francisco; due Sydney Jan. 22.

UNION THEATRES PLAN A MILLION DOLLAR THEATRE

O. G. Perry Tells of Plans of Largest Theatre Company in Australia

"Australia has a desire to become self contained and is showing this in the confidence that she places in many new industries that are being commenced there," stated O. G. Perry, business manager of the Union Theatres, Ltd., in Sydney, N.S.W., Australia, who was a passenger aboard the liner Makura, which docked from the Antipodes this morning.

Mr. Perry represents a motion picture firm that has a chain of theatres throughout Australia and Tasmania totaling eighty in all. He is visiting the American and European continents with the object of gathering suggestions for the plans of a new $1,000,000 theatre that his company is going to build in Sydney.

"The theatre is to be on the latest design and will include many of the features now being introduced into American and European theatres. When completed it will have a seating capacity of 3,500 people and will be fitted with lounge rooms, smoking rooms and refreshment parlors much on the design of the big theatres in Paris," stated Mr. Perry. "We are also reconstructing the Lyric theatre at a cost of $200,000 in Sydney. The new theatre will be known as the Winter Garden.

"Several attempts have been made to establish permanently the motion picture industry in Australia but the public still require educating along these lines."

Australia has never before manufactured her own automobiles, but now she is putting out a car known as the E. C. O., and the venture is proving very successful, according to Mr. Perry. Many assembly plants are being erected, he stated. America is proving a strong competitor but the Australians are determined that the local industry shall exist and profit by its venture. Several small motion picture producing companies are in operation now and there is every reason to believe that these will widen out into large producing companies.

Mr. Perry will visit the studios in California before proceeding to Europe. He will make a study of the pictures now under production so as to advise the directors on his return to the Antipodes.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS IMPROVE HARBORS

Capt. Saunders Gives Interview After Tour of Inspection

Seattle, Dec. 29. — The steamship Jacob Luckenbach, which will inaugurate an intercoastal passenger service for the Lunckenbach Steamship Line, arrived here yesterday from Eastern ports, bringing a full cargo of general freight. She will discharge to-day and shift to Tacoma Sunday. Thursday she will sail from that port for Philadelphia via San Francisco.

Considerable harbor improvement work has been under way in the Hawaiian Islands, according to Capt. Charles W. Saunders, operating manager of the Matson Navigation Company at San Francisco, who has just returned from his 1923 inspection trip of Matson ports in Hawaii. A new wharf at Kahului, Island of Maui, has been completed with the exception of sugar conveyers, he said. A harbor is being dredged and a breakwater built by the Hawaiian Dredging Company on the Island of Lanai for the Hawaiian Pineapple Company.

Robert Morrissey, in charge of the Anacortes office of the Rothschild Company and the Bellingham Contracting & Stevedoring Company, has been appointed port superintendent of the Swayne, Hoyt Company, with offices in this city, according to an announcement here yesterday. Harry Mansfield, of Portland, will succeed Morrissey at Anacortes.

George B. Lamping, president of the Seattle port of commission, announced yesterday that he had decided to seek re-election for that office at the March 11 election.

Inaugurating a new New York-Philadelphia-Boston eastbound service, the steamship Panaman, in the service of the American-Hawaiian Steamship Company, will sail from this city January 4. The company has revised its schedule to give a weekly service between Philadelphia, Boston and New York and its present Pacific Coast ports of call, both westbound and eastbound.

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

Seattle, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Jacob Luckenbach, Portland; Narenta, Vancouver; Kinryo Maru, Anacortes. Sailed: J. A. Moffett, San Pedro; John C. Kirkpatrick, Brayclyde, Tacoma; President McKinley, Kobe.

Tacoma, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Burma Maru, Yokohama; Kirkpatrick, San Francisco. Sailed: Iowan, New York; Munaires, Seattle; Kalfaril, Yokohama; Donna Lane, San Pedro.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Kiyo Maru, Yokohama; Siberia Maru, Hongkong; Admiral Farragut, Seattle; Rose City, Portland. Sailed: Ipswich, Seattle.

Portland, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Admiral Fiske, Suboatco, Alvardo, San Francisco; Riza, Darien; Madoera, Tyne. Sailed: Johan Poulsen, Col. E. L. Drake, San Francisco.

Yokohama, Dec. 25.—Sailed: Yokohama Maru, Seattle.

Liverpool, Dec. 28.—Arrived: Governor, Seattle.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—Arrived: Kaga Maru, Seattle.

Kobe, Dec. 23.—Arrived: President Grant, Stuart Dollar, Tacoma. Dec. 26.—Yolin Maru, Seattle.

NEW CALEDONIANS FORM PART OF SHIP MONTEREY'S CREW

Men Aboard Are From the French Penal Settlement

Monterey Was Bought by J. Davenport of San Francisco

Bought from the Cie. Navale de L'Oceanie by the J. Davenport Motorship Company, of San Francisco, the four-masted auxiliary schooner Monterey arrived here last night to take on supplies and secure repairs before proceeding to Genoa Bay where she will load 1,500,000 feet of lumber for Samoa, Fiji, Suva, Tonga, and other South Sea islands.

One of the most interesting crews of sailors that have visited this port for years is aboard the Monterey. There are thirteen New Caledonian and Loyalty Island men. Their customs are very interesting. New Caledonia and Loyalty were both French penal settlements. New Caledonia is even to-day a penal settlement.

The inhabitants of this island have formed customs very peculiar both to the European and South Sea race. Through intermarriage a new mode of living has been adopted which is unique in itself. The people live in villages much the same as those seen in France but are in tribes. Each village has a chief and this chief controls the village.

In the case of the Monterey the New Caledonians and Loyalty Island men were not employed direct by the company but through the chief. If a laborer or crew is desired aboard some ship the captain or company applies through the chief who selects the men from his village or tribe and gets ten per cent. of the men's wages for this service. The company does not give the commission but the men themselves out of their own wages. It is seldom that dishonesty is found in connection with this custom.

Quite a colony has been formed at these penal settlements and a good trade is carried on by them. Their chief industry is mining.

The crew on the Monterey was signed on by the French company before coming to this coast. They will return to their homes this trip when the Monterey delivers some lumber to their settlements.

The Monterey had a very rough trip coming up from San Francisco. On Christmas Eve, while off Grays Harbor, she was caught in a storm which threatened to drive her ashore. She had to turn and head south to avoid the disaster and in doing so lost three of her sails. She was two days fighting the storm.

Bought by J. Davenport & Company, she was reconditioned at a cost of $35,000. She will be kept under the Panama flag the same that she flew when with the French company. Yarrows did minor repairs to her engines to-day.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Officers of the Fifth Regiment, C.G.A., will receive on New Year's Day in their mess rooms at the Armories from 4 to 6 p.m.

An executive meeting of the Great War Veterans' Association will be held to-night at 7 o'clock at the club quarters.

At the weekly community dance at the Armories to-night the Fifth Regiment twenty-piece orchestra will render an excellent dance programme of music.

The members of the Canadian Scottish Regiment will be at home in their respective messes on New Year's Day from 3 to 5.30 o'clock. The commanding officer will be present in the officers' mess from 4 o'clock.

Supplementing the building permit issued this week for the Recreation Hall in connection with the Christ Church building scheme, a permit for heating and plumbing, amounting to $1,500 was issued to-day for the structure. The total cost of the Recreation Hall will now be $23,000.

The Crown has made out a case which the defence will have to meet decided Magistrate Jay in the City Police Court to-day in connection with the remanded charge of illegal beer sale preferred against the Loyal Club. The hearing was set for Monday, when the defence will produce witness to set forth their side of the story. The Crown's case is already in.

The City Council will wind up its business for 1923 at a meeting on Monday evening, when final readings will be given to measures which require passage in the current year. If the Trades License By-Law is as amended yesterday, the new schedule will be effective for the licenses of the half year ending July 15. A further revision will take place in May for the second half of the year.

HINCKS COMES BACK TO THE PLAYHOUSE

Popular Local Producer Will Stage Shows Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays

By an arrangement made between the management of the Playhouse and Reginald Hincks the bright musical comedies which have been associated with the Playhouse for several years past when it was known as the Princess Theatre will again be staged at the home where Mr. Hincks and his company drew crowded houses when he was producing his inimitable plays for the Red Cross.

He will produce musical, dramatic and variety shows twice nightly every Thursday, Friday and Saturday with a matinee on Saturday. This will be in addition to the feature picture, and the price of admission will be that of the ordinary picture house.

OLD FAVORITES

The first of these performances will be the adaptation of that well-known and justly popular musical comedy, "The Geisha." The music of this classic is too familiar and delightful for any further comment to be necessary, and the dialogue from the capable pen of Mr. Hincks is just brimful of fun from start to finish.

The first performance will take place on Thursday, January 3, and there will be no reserved seats.

"The Bing Boys," "The Country Girl," "Robinson Crusoe" and all the other Playhouse musical comedies will be back again, but not quite in the same form and not at the same prices.

TO GIVE ADDRESS ON TUBERCULOSIS

Sheriff Cook, of Saskatchewan, Will Speak Before the Rotary Club

On Thursday, January 3, A. B. Cook, of Regina, Sheriff of Saskatchewan, and late president of the Anti-Tuberculosis Society of Canada, will be in Victoria, and will address the Rotary Club. In the evening at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held it is hoped under the combined auspices of the Rotary Club and the Tuberculosis Veterans' Association.

CHAIRMAN OF COMMISSION

On July 22, 1921, an Order-in-Council was approved appointing and constituting a commission to inquire into the question of tuberculosis in the Province of Saskatchewan and Mr. Cook was appointed chairman of the commission. On October 1, 1922, the report of the commission was laid before the Hon. Henry W. Newlands, Lieut.-Governor of Saskatchewan.

Mr. Cook's knowledge and experience of the administrative aspects of tuberculosis is the desult of years of study, and he is without doubt one of the greatest authorities on tuberculosis in Canada.

Invitations will be sent to His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, Hon. J. Oliver, Hon. W. J. Bowser, Hon. J. D. MacLean, Mayor Hayward and the City Council, and to all the societies and organizations in the city.

EVENTS TO COME

A meeting of the executive committee, Canadian Legion, will be held in the library of the club on Monday at 8 o'clock. The general meeting of members will take place on Wednesday at the same hour. Nominations for officers and committees for the ensuing year will be received at this meeting, and a large turnout of members is therefore requested.

Attendance of all members and others interested, is requested at the annual general meeting of the Saanich Local Association, Victorian Order of Nurses, at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, on Wednesday, January 16, 1924, at 8 p.m.

All members of the Victoria Welsh Society, also all Welsh residents, are invited to the society's annual Christmas tree to be held in the large hall of the Foresters, Broad Street, on January 1, commencing at 6 p.m. Ladies are asked to provide refreshments on account of the large number of children to be present.

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SOUSA TELLS OF GOOD JOKE HE HAD HERE LAST TIME

Famous Band Conductor Started When He Was 11 —Over 58 Years Ago

John Philip Sousa, most famous of all musical directors, arrived to-day with his band and at his lunch at the Empress Hotel talked to The Times in his familiar way so that one more reporter learned why Sousa has been interviewed more than any other man in the world to-day.

Although he is within a few months of seventy years of age, he is as smart in his bearing as the youngest Marine Band member that steps up the street.

He was asked whether he still included in his programmes his old marches which have made him famous over the world, because of their swing, such as "El Capitan," "King Cotton" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever."

"I don't know what our audiences would do if I didn't," he replied. "They've threatened to turn machine guns on me, if I failed them."

Sousa has more gramophone records of his compositions than any other composer. He was asked how many.

"The latest figures from the Victor people are that they have seventy-six," he replied.

ELECTION MUSIC

"Funny thing," he said. "The last time we played in Victoria it was election day. That was on our return from our tour of the world. We landed here from the Makura and played at the old Victoria Theatre. This city has since had a warm place in my heart because it was the first point of America we reached on our way home. Well, the day we landed here was election day, just as you have an election on to-day. One of the prominent people in the election that day was one of your men known as Kelly and his side was badly beaten. We always include a popular song of the day on our programmes and that time we had 'Has Anybody Here Seen Kelly?' When the name was flashed on the stage and the band started, you ought to have heard the response from the audience. I can't recall in my whole experience such laughter and applause in any one building. Everybody there thought that the whole thing had been arranged on this man Kelly. I was innocent of it all and didn't know until some of our friends told me the connection later."

Sousa has been before the public since he was eleven years old, that is fifty-eight years ago. When he was twenty-five years he was made conductor of the United States Marine Band at Washington. He has led his own band, which is the present organization, for thirty-one years.

"And I think I'm still going strong," Sousa added. "Last year was the greatest year we have had in our record of thirty-one years, and indications so far are that this year will surpass it. This is the twenty-fifth week of our present tour which will conclude in the Spring."

Sousa is playing at the Royal Victoria this afternoon and this evening. The house is practically sold out for both performances. Sunday he will play both matinee and night in Vancouver at the Capitol Theatre where that big theatre yesterday was almost sold out in advance.

TWO WILL HANG FOR FILIPINO KILLING

Luis Labor to Stand Trial After Five Alleged Confederates Sentenced

His mission ended, Detective Marcus Phipps, of the city's plain clothes force, accompanied by Mrs. Phipps and child, returned on board the R.M.S. Makura to the city to-day. The officer went south on the Ss. Niagara with Luis Labor, alias Bitonio, wanted by the Honolulu police as a murder suspect. Detective Phipps found upon his arrival that five alleged confederates of his prisoner had already received sentence, two to be hung and three for life imprisonment. Labor has yet to be tried for complicity in a murder which took the life of a Filipino. The tragedy occurred during a card game in which five or six men were playing. Words were followed by blows and one player died. Five of the players are now under sentence for their act, and Labor is alleged to have been complicated in the same affair. His trial will take place shortly.

VICTORIA CLUB IN SOUTH CALIFORNIA

Relatives Asked For Names of Victorians in Los Angeles

As part of an extensive campaign to advertise Victoria in California, the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau plans to foster the formation of Victoria clubs in Southern California, beginning with Los Angeles and later forming clubs in San Francisco and other parts of California.

The object of the clubs is to enlist the co-operation of former Victorians now residing in California in the advertising campaign which will shortly be launched throughout the Golden State.

Residents of Victoria who have relatives living in Los Angeles are asked to communicate with the bureau in order that prospective members of the club can be secured. It is pointed out that besides helping the home town the club would prove highly acceptable to former residents offering an opportunity to meet friends from Victoria living in Los Angeles whom they would otherwise not see.

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Success Rewards Work of Chamber During Past Year

Work of Last Twelve Months Has Brought Results to Victoria and District

A year of effort brought to successful conclusions, which can be counted in dollars and cents, marks the past twelve months activity of the Victoria Chamber of Commerce and makes a memorable year of occupation in the new quarters. Hard preliminary work has been rewarded in many instances and to-day, after years of activity, the Amusement Centre for which the Chamber has striven for years, has been brought to that stage where it rests with the electors to decide.

TOURIST TRAVEL

Outstanding this year is the greatest Summer of tourist travel which Victoria has ever enjoyed. The profitableness of this important industry to Victoria was demonstrated this Summer as it has never before been demonstrated and the number choosing Victoria as a Summer resort is placed at 100,000. The opening of the Curtis Point auto camp, which drew 1,500 autos from all parts of the American continent, has played an important part in building up the tourist trade.

FERRIES

In connection with the chamber's efforts jointly with the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau to build up the tourist traffic should be noted the launching of the Motor Princess on the Sidney-Bellingham run and the placing on the Sidney-Anacortes run of two new boats, the City of Angeles and the Mount Vernon.

Thirty-two band concerts given during the Summer season were also due to the Chamber of Commerce.

FREIGHT RATES

A reduction of one-third in freight rates on berries helped Saanich and Keating fruit growers to from $25 to $30 per car. A steamer freight service to the east coast of the Island established by the C.P.R., has opened an avenue of trade for Victoria merchants which has been closed previously. The gas car schedule on the Cowichan Lake branch of the Canadian National has been extended to Mile 69 following representations of the chamber.

HELPED WAGE EARNERS

Through a timely telegram sent by President C. P. W. Schwengers, whose action was endorsed by the directors, the Dominion Government postponed a small repair job so that the big contract running into thousands of dollars could be done at Esquimalt.

Parcel post packages from the Orient are now left at Victoria instead of going to Vancouver first as a result of a request made by the chamber to the Dominion Government.

GROUPS

While these are among the many direct accomplishments that can be quoted they by no means represent the variety of subjects that has been handled by the chamber. A guiding hand and helpful advice has been given. The different groups have been active in the work entrusted to them by the directors. The industrial group at the present time is in the midst of an active campaign for the encouragement of British Columbia products and the development of B.C. industries.

LABOR ACTION AFFECTING TRADE IN COMMONWEALTH

Insistance on Basic Wage Wrought Unwholesome Results

Arbitrary action on the part of the left wing, organized labor was playing a dangerous game in relation to the trade output of Australia, is the opinion of George Brown, representative of the Robert Simpson Company, Toronto, returning from a pleasure trip on board the R.M.S. Makura, docking to-day.

Insistance on the payment of a basic wage had created a condition wherein good and poor craftsmen were paid on a like scale. This, stated Mr. Brown, had removed the incentive for the careful worker to improve in his trade, and brought about a condition where labor unions were being used to further the ends of others not in the general interest.

The situation for some time has tied up commercial outputs in many lines of business, and was felt keenly in shipping circles. Mr. Brown, accompanied by his wife and child, are en route to Toronto after a three months' tour of the Antipodes.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB TO STAGE ANNUAL CLIMB

Large Entry of Cyclists Will Climb Mount Douglas on New Year's Day

On New Year's Day the Motorcycle Club will hold its annual Mount Douglas climb. This contest is held every year by the club and has proved very popular among local cyclists. Last year Ed. Miles was the successful rider, going over the top astride a Harley-Davidson. This year, however, Stan. Porter, George Reece and Bob Shanks have been viewing the landscape from the summit, and they are confident that they will be able to make the grade.

Several 1924 machines will be used in the contest, and many thrills and spills are expected, as the competition will be keen among the riders. The club extends an invitation to the public to attend the climb.

The committee in charge has completed all arrangements, and the riders are putting the last touches to their motors to be ready for the starter's flag on New Year's Day.

LANDS DEPARTMENT IS REORGANIZED

Esquimalt and Nanaimo Railway Change Announced

Will Not Lower Status of Victoria Office

The reorganization of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway lands department will be effective on Monday, due to the retirement of L. H. Solly, who has held the position of land agent for a number of years. Mr. Solly, however, will retain his association with the company, his exceptional knowledge of development matters being retained on the local advisory committee, and he expects to have office accommodation in the new marine building.

The office management here will be placed in charge of Newton J. Ker, land commissioner of the company at Vancouver. Mr. Ker, it is expected, will spend one day a week in Victoria in direct supervision of the lands department.

The present accountant, L. C. Lytton, will be appointed assistant land agent, and thus there will be no delay in receiving and attending to applications for land here, in case Mr. Ker is away on other duties. The timber cruisers engaged by the department will not be changed in any way, and will be retained in Victoria.

The effect of the alteration, while consolidating land matters in charge of the officer having control of such questions for the Canadian Pacific Railway throughout B.C., will not in any way lower the status of the Victoria office.

The assistant land agent, Mr. Lytton, who is well-known in musical circles, will be congratulated on a steady rise in the office, which he entered fifteen years ago as a junior, and for twelve years has been the accountant there.

SEATTLE JOINS IN ADVERTISING PLAN

Full Page Advertisements to Exploit Five Northwest Cities

Seattle has decided to join with Victoria, Vancouver, Bellingham and Tacoma in the joint $33,000 advertising campaign in California, Idaho and Northern Washington. The decision was reached yesterday by the Publicity Committee of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce and has the endorsation of the Chamber.

The matter had been presented to the Seattle committee earlier in the week by Alderman Crone and M. Eastman of the Victoria Publicity Bureau, J. Patrick, J. C. Pendray and George I. Warren, Publicity Commissioner of Victoria, and representatives from Bellingham and Tacoma, but the decision of the Sound city was withheld until yesterday.

Seattle is asked to contribute $15,000 to the fund, most of which will be used for full page advertisements in newspapers. Immediately after Seattle decided to join the plan a conference of representatives of the five cities was held to lay preliminary plans for the big advertising campaign.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All arrangements have been completed to insure a good time for all those who attend the big dance at the Armories which will be held on December 31, New Year's Eve," by the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, Far West-Victoria Lodge, No. 1. Dancing will be held from 9 to 2 o'clock. Ozard's sixteen-piece orchestra will supply the music of the most up-to-date selections. Dress will be informal, and a buffet supper will be catered for by a professional caterer. There will be special midnight attractions which will welcome in the New Year. The committee in charge will spare no effort to make this one of the best attractions of this year. Special cloak room facilities are being arranged, and patrons will be given the best attention, so as to make the evening one of pleasant recollections. Tickets can be obtained from W. B. Hall, 1509 Douglas Street, Royal Dairy, 707 View Street, Oliver's Barber Shop, Yates Street, J. H. Mansell Shoe Store, 648 Johnson Street, and the Tickets will also be on sale at the K. of P. Hall, North Park Street, door.

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The following artists have kindly consented to assist with the reception on New Year's Day at the Y.M.C.A.: Mrs. Styles Sehl, the Misses Beth Simpson, Ella and Hilda Pottinger, Mary Campbell, Messrs. Angus McKinnon and Dr. W. W. Bryce. The boys of the Christ Church Cathedral choir, under the leadership of Mr. H. Davis, will render specially prepared carols. Mr. Ira Dilworth will act as accompanist.

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Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patrick, who have been spending the past couple of months in Seattle, are now in Vancouver as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Patrick, Shaughnessy Heights.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Morrison, of Vancouver, whose marriage took place recently, are spending a part of their honeymoon in Victoria.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Stewart, of Seattle, arrived here during the week on their wedding trip.

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Miss Cony Conacher left on Christmas day via the C.P.R. for Toronto, where she will spend the Winter. Miss Conacher intends taking up physical culture.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

Rev. B. Black will conduct (D.V.) the service in the sunroom of the Royal Jubilee Hospital to-morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

EXTENSION LECTURES

With the filling of the date made vacant by the cancellation of all lecture engagements by Dr. Sedgwick, the local University Extension Association are now able to announce the list of lectures for the balance of this season. The dates, subjects and lecturers are as follows:

January 9—"Unconscious Mind," Dean Coleman.
January 21—"Bendetto Croce and the New Criticism," F. Larsen.
January 30—"Conscious Mind, or the Psychology of Thinking," Dean Coleman.
February 11—"Artistic Lying," Dr. F. C. Walker.
February 27—"The Group Mind," Dean Coleman.
March 10—"How to Judge a Book," Miss M. L. Bollert, M.A.
March 26—"The Measurement of Mind," Dean Coleman.

The interurban trains will operate under the usual Sunday time schedule on New Year's Day. On the city street car system the first cars in the morning will leave the city at the usual Sunday hour, but the last cars for all points in the evening will leave at the usual weeknight hour.

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HOCKEY. FOOTBALL TIMES SPORTING NEWS BASKETBALL. RUGBY

Hart's Thrilling Rush Brings Great Victory To Tireless Cougars

Victoria Plugged Away at Vancouver Until Lehman Was Well and Soundly Beaten in Overtime Period By One of Greatest Rushes Ever Seen Here; Fans Thrown Into Deliriums of Joy By Phenomenal Effort of Youngster

Favored by one of the greatest "breaks" in the history of the game and fortunate in possessing a player who could capitalize it, the Cougars last night gained a goal which broke up an overtime fixture with Vancouver. Harold Hart, the youngster who is playing his first year in professional company, turned the trick which gave Victoria a well-deserved victory by the close score of three goals to two.

It was the first overtime game played here this season and, while it lacked thrills at many stages, it sure carried a knockout punch at the finish. It was the most spectacular wind-up to any game that has ever been played since the prewar days. It took the fans by surprise and sent them jumping high in the air and shouting like so many pop-eyed women at a bargain counter. It was like a home-run in the ninth inning with the bases full and pepped up the fans like a Christmas tonic. It was a finish that gave the fans something to rave about on their way home and on the street cars this morning the main topic was: "Wasn't that a wonderful goal?"

It certainly was a pippin, and all credit must be given to Hart, who, although his mother calls him Harold, the Cougars summons him to the breakfast table by the Yiddisher's yell of "Izzy." But a name matters little here and Hart can make up his mind that if he plays hockey for another twenty years he will not probably have another such setting to show off his ability.

The fans were just recovering from a shock occasioned by a terrific rush by Duncan, Skinner and Boucher when the break came and Hart scored the goal. Three minutes of the overtime had gone and the Maroons made one of their tank-attacks on Victoria. Duncan tried to get through on the left, but Hart, with a timely poke check, tipped the puck from the heel of Art's stick. Duncan, Skinner and Boucher were going in so fast that they could not stop and turn in time to do any back-checking. By a strange freak of the play MacKay and Cook had been drawn up almost to centre ice, leaving a big stretch of ice between them and Lehman.

Like a terrier jumping for a rat Hart seized the puck and went away for the Vancouver goal. He lifted his head once to size up the situation, then hunched his shoulders, dug in his toes and those short legs of his cut down the intervening space at a surprising clip.

Lloyd Cook, realizing the seriousness of the situation, did his best to stop Hart. He tossed one of those menacing frowns at "Izzy" and, when it failed to bother the youngster, he raised his stick and tried to cut him down. Lloyd might just as well have used a tooth-pick for "Izzy" went skipping around him as if he were a dead policeman. MacKay turned loose his hurricane speed in a dying effort to catch Hart, but he didn't seem to be able to gain an inch.

IT WAS UP TO LEHMAN

Everything was then up to Lehman. He had saved the Maroons time after time earlier in the game, especially in the second period, but he was not called upon to solve quite such a tricky problem as Hart was framing for him. Hughie relied solely upon his ability to outguess the "kid," for it is doubtful if Hart in his young hockey career has ever faced a headier or more brilliant goalie in a crisis than old "Eagle-Eye."

Lehman decided to leave his net and see if he could not blind Hart into shooting into his pads. But "Izzy's" noodle was functioning faster than Hughie, and in the battle of wits the youngster won out. After passing Cook, Hart had about fifteen feet of clean ice before he encountered Lehman. Hughie spread-eagled himself in the hope that some part of his bulky attire would topple Hart. It was useless, however, for Hart wheeled around Lehman, giving himself plenty of leeway, and then, with the net at his mercy, sailed in and laid the puck to rest in the sacred territory.

A PERFECT RUSH

The rush from its beginning to its finish was as pretty and thrilling a piece of work as has been seen here since the Arena was opened. To be performed by a youngster serving his first term in the major leagues, proves that Hart possesses more hockey ability than he had been previously credited with. He has shown some great form in previous matches, but the way he outguessed the veterans, Cook and Lehman, would have done credit to men with far greater service in pro company.

It was a splendid stroke of judgment on the part of Lester Patrick in using Hart in the overtime. The Cougars' boss had been particularly impressed with the work of "Izzy" in the three regulation periods, and he decided to bank on a quick decision, and counted on Hart as one of his strong men. Accordingly he benched Gibson and "Izzy" was at left wing for the face-off with Frederickson at centre and Meeking at right. The way the game wound up proved the soundness of Lester's figuring, and no doubt further convinced him of Hart's ability to become one of the finest players in the Coast League.

COUGARS HAD EDGE

The game was flashy in spots with the Cougars having a decided edge in the first two periods and the Maroons coming back strongly in the third period. Some sensational goal-tending by the uncanny Mr. Lehman prevented the Cougars from coming through to victory without the need of overtime, while at the same time it must be admitted that the work of Fowler at the other end of the ice blocked many brilliant efforts of Vancouver to score.

Although the Cougars outshot the Maroons, the Duncan boys got in closer for most of their bullet-drive, while the blue and gold sextette was trying the "shoot and run" play, driving the puck from outside the blue line and tearing in for a rebound.

Victoria had fifty-six shots at Lehman, while Fowler was called upon to attend to forty. In the first period the Cougars were shooting mad and tested Lehman twenty-four times. In the second period they only shot sixteen times, but the efforts were far more deadly. Lehman had but eleven shots to care for in the third period, while in the overtime he stopped four and then missed the fifth.

Fowler was tested but eleven times in both the first and second period, while in the third he was extended to save fourteen times and blocked four in the overtime.

WATCHING A MAN

In the opening moments of the game it was apparent that each club was out to watch one man in particular. Vancouver's cry was "Stop Frederickson," while the Cougars were shouting "Block Duncan." The efforts in direction of these two players were very well executed. They were stopped many times, but each managed to add an assist before the bell rang. Frederickson made the opening for the first goal of the game, giving a pass to Anderson when close in. Two minutes later Duncan went in on a rush with Skinner and the latter scored. The pass looked a trifle offside.

Although there was no scoring in the second period the Cougars were absolutely robbed of counters by the peculiar pranks of the puck. Time after time they missed the passes by inches or the rubber bounced at the wrong time. It was heart-breaking to see the Cougars expending so much energy yet apparently getting nowhere.

TIED UP AGAIN

The Maroons turned loose some wicked rushes at the start of the third period, hoping to catch the Cougars tired after their great effort in the previous period. Lester's boys fell back for a time and Duncan scored a goal on a fast shot outside the defence.

Before the Maroons got adjusted to their positions once more the count had been tied up. Harry Meeking paid a surprise visit to the Vancouver goal and one of his nasty twisting shots completely fooled Lehman. It happened just twenty-eight seconds after Duncan had put the Maroons in front. Lehman, who hates to admit anything, raised a howl about the goal but Referee Jon only listened for a few minutes and then faced off the puck in centre ice.

Meeking had a chance to win the game right afterwards when the puck was flying across the Vancouver goal mouth, but the play was too fast, and he missed it.

Neither goalie, however, would yield under pressure, and the game was forced into overtime.

The teams were as follows:

Victoria	Position	Vancouver
Fowler	Goal	Lehman
Loughlin	Defence	Duncan
Halderson	Defence	Cook
Meeking	R. Wing	Skinner
Frederickson	Centre	Boucher
Gibson	L. Wing	MacKay
Anderson	Sub	Matte
Hart	Sub	Parkes
Trihey	Sub	Bostrum
—	Sub	Cotch

Summary

First period: 1, Victoria, Anderson scored from close in on a pass from Frederickson, 9.49; 2, Vancouver, Skinner found a corner on a pass from Duncan, 2.01.

Second period: No score.

Third period: 3, Vancouver, Duncan picked a corner from a distance, 4.30; 4, Victoria, Meeking went through alone and scored, :28.

Overtime: 5, Victoria, Hart finished a solo rush with a goal, 3.16.

Penalties

First period: None.

Second period: Victoria awarded penalty shot, Frederickson missed.

Third period: None.

Overtime: None.

Saskatoon Secures Hamilton Ice Star

Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 29.—Leo Reis, Hamilton's big defence man, has been sold to Saskatoon, of the Western Canada League, it is announced by Manager Perry Thompson. The sale is in the nature of a trade and the Hamilton club will receive a player from the western club later. It is not known who the Hamilton club will get.

Nurmi's Shattering of Mile Record Called Greatest Athletic Feat of the Year

Six Teams Expected To Enter New Year's Race

Annual Y.M.C.A. Boys' Relay Race Will Be Staged on New Course This Year; Keen Competition Is Expected; Metropolitans, Last Year's Winners, First to Enter Field; Christ Church Will Have Strong Team

With six teams training hard everything points to the Y.M.C.A. annual New Year's Day boys' relay race being a great success. It is not yet known exactly how many teams will be entered but there will be, at least, six entries for the event. This race has been held every year since 1916 with very successful results and the competition has always been exceedingly keen amongst the teams, which consist of eight runners.

This year the race will be run over a new course which has been selected by the physical department committee of the Y.M.C.A. after surveying five courses. The old course from the Willows to the "Y" has been abandoned on account of the heavy traffic in the Dardanelles.

The new course will have its starting-point on Dallas Road, at the foot of Heywood Avenue, running West to Douglas Street, around Park Road to Heywood to Park Boulevard up Vancouver and down View Street to the Y.M.C.A., the finishing point.

OFFICIALS SELECTED

David Spencer will start the runners off on their hard grind at 9.30 o'clock on New Year's morning. The officials in charge of the race will be as follows: Starter, David Spencer; timekeepers, W. Duncan, M. Kilburger and M. J. Little; finish judges, P. Philip, J. O. Cameron and S. J. Willis; referee, John Fry; scorer, H. B. Witter.

The Metropolitans, last year's winners, were the first team to be entered this year, and they hope to be able to cop the shield for the second consecutive year. Last New Year's the Mets established a record for the course, their crack runners doing the two miles in nine minutes and eleven seconds. This year the time for the new course will be kept and it will be made the record to be beaten in the following races.

A new team will make its appearance this year. It hails from Christ Church, and according to reports that have been going around the boys will be the team to beat, as they have collected together a number of the fastest runners in the city.

The committee in charge of the race has been assured of entries from the boys' division of the Y.M.C.A., First Presbyterian Church, St. Andrews and Centennial Church.

The First "Pres" team are going out to retrieve their honors this year. The church team won the shield for four years in succession, capturing the race in 1918, 1919, and 1920. The Y.M.C.A. won the race the first year, while the Metropolitans were successful in winning the coveted shield in 1917. The James Bay Methodists walked off with the trophy in 1922, while the Mets won the race last year.

RULES AND COURSE

All competitors must be over fourteenth and under eighteenth birthday in order to compete, and the physical condition of each boy must be vouched for by his team manager.

All teams must consist of eight boys, each to run a portion of race as listed below. No boy may run more than his own section of course.

First relay, from start, West to a point approximately halfway to Chinese bell.

Second relay, from finish of No. 1 to Chinese bell.

Third relay from finish of No. 2 to Heywood Avenue.

Fourth relay from finish of No. 3 to corner Oliphant and Vancouver via Park boulevard.

Fifth relay from finish of No. 4 to Pakington and Vancouver.

Sixth relay, from finish of No. 5 to McClure and Vancouver.

Seventh relay, from finish of No. 6 to View and Vancouver.

Eighth relay, from finish of No. 7 along View to finish line at Y.M.C.A. corner.

Oatman's Boys Are Now on Top in Race Beyond the Rockies

Calgary, Dec. 29.—The Calgary Tigers defeated the Regina Capitals here last night by four to one and moved up beside the Saskatoon Crescents in a tie for leadership of the Western Canada Hockey League. In the first period Calgary obviously missed their defence star, Herb Gardiner, who is laid up with la grippe. Then they came back and by dint of speed and combination piled up their victory. In the third period they had everything their own way, with Oliver and Benson the outstanding players on the ice.

Summary

First period — 1, Regina, Dutkowski, 17.35.

Second period — 2, Calgary, Anderson, 11.32.

Third period — 3, Calgary, Oliver, from Benson, 11.12; 4, Calgary, Wilson, from Benson, 2.32; 5, Calgary, Morris, from Oliver, 6.00.

The teams:

Regina	Position	Calgary
McCusker	goal	Reid
Traub	defence	Dutton
Dutkowski	defence	Benson
Stanley	forward	Morris
Hay	forward	Oliver
Gagne	substitute	Crawford
Irvin	substitute	Oatman
McVeigh	substitute	Wilson
Newell	substitute	Anderson
Aseltine	substitute	—

Referee—Jimmy Gardner.

Mets After Riley

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Jim Riley, former Seattle hockey star, who retired from the game this year, and at least two promising amateurs in Central Canada are being sought by the Seattle club in an attempt to bolster its forward line for the balance of the season.

THE ODD PEEK

The old punch was there. It was a surprise jolt and knocked Vancouver cuckoo.

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A lot has been said about the wonderful work of Hart. Being a modest youngster we know it won't affect his headgear.

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Meeking showed his best form of the year last night. Harry has always been a slow starter, but when he finds his feet there's no holding him. He gets his goals when they count. Last night he tied the count, repeating his performance against Saskatoon in Winnipeg.

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"Slim" Halderson lived up to his reputation. He did not pass the puck once during the game.

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Clem Loughlin skated faster than ever but he did not have any luck with his shooting. His drives were right on Lehman's pads but the rebounds did not fall where he likes them. He nearly cut Hughie's top-knot off in the third period.

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Frederickson showed to better advantage. His rushes were faster and he was on the ice for fifty minutes. The new system under which the Cougars are working does not call for "Freddie" to go down on every rush.

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Jocko Anderson was running the Maroons ragged and he potted the first goal of the game and his second of the season. Gibson did not show the form he revealed earlier in the season.

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Art Duncan is playing wonderful hockey for Vancouver. Although a defence man he is the scoring ace of the league. Art plays clean hockey. Being big, some of his checks against small men look kind of crude, but they are fair enough.

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MacKay was a disappointment. He did not show a thing. Skinner was the hardest working man on the ice and he did not spoil his play by unnecessary rough stuff. Boucher, as usual, showed some fine stick-handling and his hook check wrecked many Cougar plays.

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Lehman and Fowler each gave good accounts of themselves in goal, although Hughie has the most chances to show off his ability. Neither goalie could be blamed for any of the goals that beat them.

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Cook did not do much on the attack but of course was all to the mustard on the defence. The maroons did not use their subs to any extent, Parkes and Matte being the only ones to see service and they saw very little, which proves that the regulars are able to stick most of the route at a good pace.

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The game was as clean as a whistle. Not one penalty was handed out and there was need of none. Victoria was awarded the only free shot and Frederickson took it. Lehman saved.

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Vancouver still leads the league by one point. The standing follows:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	P.
Vancouver	14	6	7	1	40	36	13
Victoria	13	6	7	0	41	46	12
Seattle	13	4	9	0	35	44	8

Finland, Though Small, Is One Of Greatest Athletic Countries On Earth To-day

By ROBERT EDGREN

The most startling athletic performance of 1923 was the smashing of the long-standing one-mile run record by Paavo Nurmi, of Finland, in a race run at Stockholm.

Nurmi's time, four minutes ten and two-fifth seconds, displaced the former world's record of four minutes twelve and three-fifth seconds, made at Cambridge, Mass., July 16, 1915. Nurmi was also credited with covering 1,500 metres in three minutes fifty-three seconds, Kiviat's former world's record was three minutes fifty-five and four-fifth seconds.

If anyone but Nurmi had broken the one-mile record the performance might have been questioned on this side of the sea; but Americans who went to the Olympic Games at Antwerp in 1920 saw Nurmi run second to Guillemot in the 5,000-metre event, then turn and win the 10,000-metre race from Guillemot and a great field of the world's fastest distance men without being fully extended. A few days later Nurmi won again in the 10,000-metre cross-country run, outclassing his field.

The Finns have developed many of the world's greatest athletes. Hannes Kohlemainen, winner of the 5,000 and 10,000-metre races at the Stockholm Olympics, of the world's record heat in the 3,000-metre team race and of the marathon at Antwerp eight years later, was their greatest, but Nurmi is on the way to eclipse even Kohlemainen's performances.

HIS GREAT RACE AT ANTWERP

Paavo Nurmi is now twenty-two years of age. At nineteen he won two Olympic championships and was second in another. He will be one of Finland's great point-winners at Paris in 1924.

Like all the Finnish runners, he is of average height, broad-shouldered, well muscled and wiry. Fat men are unknown in Finland, where they live on dried fish and black bread. Even the weight throwers are lean and hardy.

The story of the 10,000-metre race won by Nurmi in the Antwerp Olympics shows why he has the speed for the shorter distances, like the mile race, as well as the endurance for long distance racing.

In that event James Wilson, of England, held the lead and set the pace until half a mile from the finish, Guillemot running at Wilson's shoulder and Nurmi a short distance behind, three other finalists trailing. Half a mile from the finish Nurmi moved up easily into the lead and held it for half a lap, when the Frenchman sprinted and passed him.

WON WITH EASE

Running easily, Nurmi waited until the last turn, when he sprinted past Guillemot and continued his sprint to the tape, winning by twenty yards.

Although Nurmi's time of thirty-one minutes forty-five and four-fifth seconds was slower than Kohlemainen's at Stockholm by a few seconds, he was running at fully as fast a clip, for at Antwerp constant heavy rains made track and infield mushy and slow, and all events were contested under a severe handicap for this reason.

America has had a monopoly in the mile record for many years.

First, Tommy Conneff clipped off a fifth of a second in New York in 1885. Tommy was a great miler and won the national championship a couple of times. His best time for the mile was four minutes fifteen and three-fifth seconds.

George Orton followed Conneff when Tommy went into the United States army and drifted out of athletics. Orton won the national championship five years in a row. Johnny Creegan, Alex Grant, Lightbody, Rodgers, Sullivan, Trube, Sheppard and Kiviat showed increasing speed.

START CUTTING TIME

But no record breaking came until John Paul Jones, of Cornell University, in 1911, took off a fifth of a second, and made it 4.15 2-5. In 1913 John Paul Jones, winning the intercollegiate championship at Cambridge, Mass., cut the record an even second, making it 4.14 2-5.

This record of John Paul Jones should have kept its place on the record books until to-day as an American record, and until Nurmi, of Finland, smashed everything in the mile record line, amateur or professional, with his 4.10 2-5. W. G. George, after becoming a professional, in 1886 at Lillie Bridge, London, ran a match race in 4.12¾ — still the world's professional record.

John Paul Jones' record was a genuine competition record.

LITTLE LUXURY IN FINLAND

Norman S. Taber, in a special race at Cambridge, Mass., in 1915, broke Jones' record, covering the mile in four minues twelve and three-fifth seconds. Although this record was accepted by the A.A.U., being technically O.K., it was not a genuine competition record, but a paced race against time. Crack middle distance runners were sent out ahead with long handicaps to pick up Taber and pace him over different parts of the mile. It was a creditable performance even as a paced race.

Nurmi's fast mile, breaking all the ancient records that have been tried for so long by a well trained lot of mile specialists, gives us some idea of what competition the Finns are going to give us in the coming Olympics.

For a small country Finland is the greatest athletic land on earth. There is little luxury in Finland, which may account for the strength and endurance of the Finns.

The first Finn to make a hit in the Olympics was Jaervinen, winner of the Greek discus at Athens in 1906. Jaervinen didn't know how to throw the discus. He beat the skilled champions of other nations through sheer strength. He didn't know how to put a shot. I saw him pick up a shot one day and throw it forty-six feet.

In the last Olympic meet at Antwerp Hannes Kohlemainen, of Finland, won the great marathon race—star event of every Olympic meet. Nurmi was second in the 5,000 metres, first in the 10,000 metres and the 10,000-metre cross-country race. Ten thousand metres is about six and a quarter miles. In this race the Finns also took third, sixth and several other places.

WHY NOT GET A BOXER?

Tunlos, of Finland, won the running hop, step and jump. Niklander and Paipale, of Finland, were first and second in the discus throw. Paipale won and made the record at Stockholm in 1912.

Myrra, Peltonen, Johanson and Saaristo, all of Finland, won the first four places in the javelin throw, Myrra smashing the world's record with 219 feet and all throwing over 206 feet. Porhola and Niklander, of Finland, won first and second with the shot, with better than forty-eight feet. J. Pettersen, of Finland, was sixth with the fifty-six-pound weight.

Lehtonen, of Finland, won the pentathlon, with another Finn third.

Up to this time the Finns have been strong only in the long distance running, in the weight throwing and javelin events and in the all-round tests.

But Nurmi, who has come down from six miles as his best distance to an astonishing one-mile world's record, may be just starting the Finnish invasion of the shorter distances; and if they can sprint they can jump and hurdle.

The British, the French and Italians and the Swedes and Norwegians are all turning out better athletes this year than ever before.

Tex O'Rourke, who is looking for a strong man to fight Dempsey, could go to Finland and bring back a shipload of the strongest and most rugged men in the world, fit to fight anything on two feet without a day's training.

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FRED AND "TINY" MEET

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Fred Fulton, Minneapolis heavyweight, and "Tiny" Herman, of Omaha, to-day were signed to meet in a ten-round contest here January 11.

Wrestling King Arrested After Smacking a Fan

"Strangler" Lewis Finds Going Tough in Kansas; Wins Bout

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 29.—Ed "Strangler" Lewis, champion heavyweight wrestler, was arrested here last night following his match with Dick Daviscourt on an assault and battery charge on complaint of William Goodell, whom Lewis struck below the right eye as he was on the way to his dressing room after the first fall.

When the champion left the ring after succumbing to one of Daviscourt's headlocks, the crowd hooted and booed him. One man near him hooted in his face, and Lewis, thinking Goodell did it, struck him.

He was taken to the police station and booked, after which Goodell withdrew his charge on learning that the blow was unintentional. Goodell denies he hissed or hooted the headlock king.

STUNS HIS OPPONENT

The match went three falls, Daviscourt winning the first in one hour and six minutes with a headlock, and Lewis the other two in four minutes and one minute, respectively.

The champion got the second fall with a body hold, throwing Daviscourt heavily to the mat, stunning him. The third fall went to the champion in easy fashion.

Will Make Draw For Jackson Cup Series Wednesday Night

The meeting of the Lower Island Football Association which was to have been held on Thursday night will be called on Wednesday at 8 o'clock in the Veterans' of France clubrooms. All delegates are asked to take notice of the change in date. The draw for the first round of the Jackson Cup series will be made and it is expected to hold the games on Saturday, January 5. James Island has entered a team in the series.

Pastor Introduces Negro Fighter to Sporting Circles

Halifax, Dec. 29.—"Young" Bickersteth, a negro middleweight pugilist, hailing from British West Africa, and claiming to have been a sparring partner of Battling Siki, who is now in the United States, came to Halifax yesterday and was introduced to the sporting fraternity by the clergyman of a local African Church. He is seeking bouts in Nova Scotia.

Falcons go Thirty Minutes Overtime to Beat Selkirks

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—It required thirty minutes overtime to decide the opening game in Winnipeg of the eastern division of the Manitoba senior hockey series here last night when Falcons defeated the Selkirks 5-4, after a sensational contest.

Billy Miske Lays Down Gloves and Fights For Life

Minneapolis, Dec. 29.—Billy Miske, of St. Paul, one of the leading heavyweight boxers of the country, is seriously ill in a local hospital suffering from Bright's Disease, it became known yesterday. Physicians announced his condition was a trifle better than Thursday when he was near death but added that Miske's fighting days were over if he recovered.

Miske, who in more than 100 fights in his career was knocked out only once, and that by Champion Jack Dempsey, fell victim to the disease in 1920 when he was forced to leave the ring temporarily. Extreme care under physicians orders enabled him to resume boxing six months later. His last fight was with Bill Brennan, of Omaha, two months ago, which he won by a knockout. He is twenty-nine years old, married and the father of three children.

SPEED BOAT RACE OFF

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—A speed boat race scheduled to be held at Los Angeles Harbor January 6, has been indefinitely postponed, Otto G. Wildey, of the California Yacht Club, announced to-day.

Inter-City Soccor Match
Vancouver
Wednesday League
vs.
Victoria
Wednesday League
ROYAL ATHLETIC PARK
NEW YEAR'S DAY, JAN. 1
Kick-off at 2.30 p.m.
Admission 25c

CHILD FOOTBALL TEAM.—Here is the smallest football team in the world, but for pugnacity and fighting ability they are unbeatable for their size and poundage. The midgets are located in California and average in age from 5 to 9 years.

Strokes Will Fly When Golfer Has Mastered Mashie

Sarazen Warns Against Over-Swinging and Insists on Hitting Through

Many Golfers Have Big Scores Because They Handle Mashies Badly

by Gene Sarazen

If you want to cut strokes from your score in a surprisingly quick time learn to handle the mashie. Driving, and long iron play are important, of course, in compiling any good card. But the point is this—it is possible to recover from a miss with these clubs, while an error on the approach is likely to go down on the card at least in eight cases out of ten. On the other hand, if you can handle the mashie efficiently you have a fine opportunity of getting close enough for one putt.

Suppose you were sticking your mashie approaches so close to the pin you were taking only one putt on one-half of the greens in a round. That would give you a saving of nine strokes a total that would be gladly accepted by the worst duffer or the greatest star. Efficient use of the mashie is what makes great golfers and is the thing that enables you to score well.

PROS GOOD WITH IRONS

I think it is generally admitted that as a class the professional handles his irons and his mashie particularly, better than the amateur. And the reason for this as I see it is because the amateur as a rule is prone to over-swing. Why he should I can't say unless it is because the professional having followed the game most of his life has had a better opportunity of developing his swing and because he practices more.

Now over-swinging is a serious fault in mashie play. You can't take this club back over your head and hope to hit the ball firmly with a compact stroke. And mashie play to be successful and effective must be in every respect firm.

But let us discuss the use of this stroke from the beginning. First select a mashie that has a fairly heavy head and a good stiff shaft. You want no whip or give in this kind of club. I think it is also well to get a club that has wide blade without, however, too much loft in the face.

DON'T FORCE THE SHOT

With the mashie you will probably have the option of playing two different kinds of shot on most holes—the high pitch or the pitch and run. The latter is easier to play and safer where the green is wide open. But the former is a right useful shot when you've got to get a little distance and accuracy as well. The stroke, however, is practically the same for both except it is a little longer for the high pitch.

I advocate the open stance for all mashie shots, even if you use the square stance in driving and in playing your irons. In this position you are less likely to top the ball. Play the ball about mid-way between the feet, a little nearer the right foot, if anything.

The club should be gripped very tightly with the hands well on top of the shaft and the right forefinger and thumb predominating. Have the left arm in practically a straight line with the club and keep the hands well down below the waist and in close to the body—not out—so that the heel of the club is on the ground and the toe slightly raised. See that the head of the club is laid back and not turned over against the ball in which case you will be certain to smother the shot.

USE WRIST AND FOREARM

In taking the club back it is best to allow the wrists and forearms do most of the work. The club should be taken back with an upright swing rather than a flat stroke because the ball is to be struck with a direct hit instead of a sweep.

No matter how much distance I want to get I never allow the hands to get back further than the right shoulder. The moment they go beyond this point all control is lost. And you must always be rid of the idea of pressing or forcing the shot. The easier you execute the stroke the more firmly and harder you will hit the ball. If the shot looks longer than a mashie, take another club. But don't under any circumstances force the shot.

On the back-swing you want to be sure to keep the right elbow down and in close to the body. The reason so many players slice their mashie shots is because in jerking back the club hurriedly the right arm flies out and they come into the ball from the outside.

One of the reasons so many golfers flub their mashie shots is because they quit on the down-stroke. By that I mean they fail to hit through and of course all force and firmness is immediately dissipated. Some players take a full back-swing and a half down-stroke. That is entirely wrong.

MUST HIT THROUGH

The distance you will get with a mashie depends on the back-swing and practice will enable you to judge just how long a ball you can get with the club. But in every case—even on the chip or short pitch and run—you've got to hit through the ball, firmly and without any slacking.

Finally I would caution you about shifting the feet on this shot. Except for transferring the weight from the right to the left leg as you hit the ball—which you will or should do automatically and rhythmically—there is no shifting of feet and the right side of the body is turned in but slightly as you hit the ball.

In finishing the down-stroke the hands should be well out in front with the club pointing the direction of the flight of the ball. It is best in playing the mashie to take a little turf. This will help to keep the shot firm, but remember to allow the club-head to lift the ball and don't try to do this with the arms.

NEW HOLE READY

On January 1, 1924, the use of the present third hole on the Victoria Golf Club links will be discontinued. What is now the fourth will be the third, the present fifth will be the fourth, and so on until the present sixteenth is reached, which will be the fifteenth, and the new green which was recently constructed will be the sixteenth, the seventeenth and eighteenth will remain as before. This new arrangement will do away with playing across Beach Drive to the old third, thus avoiding possible accidents on the road, and it is hoped it will also have a tendency to prevent delay at this point as players have been frequently held up at number three on account of the traffic on Beach Drive.

BLOUIN BOWLS WELL

Brandon, Man., Dec. 29.—Averaging 195 for his sixteen games here yesterday, Jimmy Blouin, world's ten pin champion won thirteen and lost three of his series in a splendid exhibition of bowling. Robinson, A. Manson and H. L. Crawford were the only bowlers to take games from him. Blouin hit a .187 average in the afternoon but came back with 203 in the evening. His total pins for the day were 3,120, and he went through his series with only four blows.

BARS BATTLING SIKI

Detroit, Dec. 29.—Lewis W. Piles, state boxing commissioner, announced yesterday that he would not permit the match between Battling Siki and Cleve Hawkins, veteran negro boxer, scheduled for this city next month. The commissioner does not regard Hawkins as a suitable opponent for the Senegalese.

Piles said it is possible that Siki may not be allowed to fight here at all. Definite decision is being withheld, he said, until after the Battling Siki-Joe Lohman match at Grand Rapids, New Year's Day.

JAP PLAYER LEADS

New York, Dec. 29.—Tadao Sumanuma, defending titleholder, last night won the second match of his 1,200-point tournament for the United States national junior 18.2 balk-line billiards championship from Gene Bruno, Austrian champion, 400 to 155, giving him a total of 800 to 398, or a lead of 2 to 1.

FRIEDMAN EASY WINNER

New York, Dec. 29.—Sailor Friedman, Chicago lightweight, defeated Johnny Clinton, New York, in ten rounds here last night.

Clinton made a sorry showing against the Chicagoan. He held on for dear life in all of the ten rounds and displayed little aggressiveness. Friedman, though wild, landed a number of effective punches, his left hooks to the body showing best. They fought at catchweights, Friedman weighting 142 and Clinton 140. The judges decided unanimously in favor of the Chicagoan.

In the semi-final Irish Johnny Curtin, of Jersey City, defeated Frank Jerome, New York bantamweight, in ten rounds.

BATTLED TO DRAW

San Francisco, Dec. 29. — Jimmy Marcus and Bud Soules, Los Angeles welterweight boxers, fought four rounds to a draw here last night.

"Sunny Jim," local light-heavyweight, won on a decision over Fred Cullen, of Los Angeles.

Billy Gibbs, negro middleweight of San Francisco, stopped Tommy Warner, of San Jose, in the second round.

U. S. SKATING RACES

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The American Olympic speed skating team sprinted through a series of snow squalls here yesterday in the semi-finals of the try-outs preliminary to sailing for Europe.

Charles Jewtraw, Lake Placid, won the 500-meter race, Valentine Bialis, Lake Placid, won the 1,500-meter event, and Joe Moore, New York, and Bialis were tied for first place in the 5,000-meter race, which closed the meet. The team will go to Lake Placid to-day for the finals.

A QUICK KNOCKOUT

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.—Young Marullo, of New Orleans, knocked out Steve Choynski, Milwaukee middleweight, in the first round of a scheduled fifteen-round bout here last night. The knockout punch, a right to the jaw, came after a little more than one minute of fighting.

SEATTLE BOY FLOORED

Seattle, Dec. 29.—Freddie Mack, Seattle lightweight, after knocking his opponent down twice in the first round, was floored for the count of ten in the second round by Bobby Ward, of St. Paul, in a scheduled six-round main event bout at the Crystal Pool here last night.

A WIN FOR BENJAMIN

Los Angeles, Dec. 29.—Joe Benjamin, Stockton lightweight, won the decision over Sailor Ashmore in the main event of a fast card fought here last night at the Hollywood American Legion Stadium.

Sailor Vincent, 145 pounder, beat Alec Maurice in the semi-final.

LYNCH SIGNS FOR BOUT

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29. — Joe Lynch, bantamweight champion, will meet Eddie Mackenna, of this city, in a fifteen-round title bout here January 18 if Eddie Meade, manager of Lynch, approves terms tendered by his partner, John Cox.

LONDON "BOBBIES" TAKE TO RUGBY TO KEEP FIT

London policemen have taken up rugby as a means of keeping fit. In their first game against Charing Cross Hospital, one of the latter players is seen trying to get the ball against strong opposition

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Special Bargains for New Year Gift Buyers

Shop Early Monday. Store Closed All Day Tuesday. Open All Day Wednesday

Dainty Silk Underwear

FOR NEW YEAR GIFTS

Crepe de Chine and Wash Satin Envelope Chemises
In orchid, peach, flesh, sky and white; plain tailored; others daintily trimmed with fine lace or embroidery. Prices $3.95, $4.50, $4.95 to $10.50

Crepe de Chine and Satin Nightgowns
In flesh, orchid, peach, sky and white; trimmed with hemstitching, embroidery and handsome lace; others in tailored styles. Prices, $6.95, $8.50, $9.50, $10.50 to $17.50
—Second Floor

Special Values in Hosiery

Cashmere Hose
In black, brown and marl mixtures, with wide hem tops and feet well reinforced; seamless hose in sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair $1.00

Heavy Fibre Silk Hose
In 4-1 rib, a seamless hose with wool toes and heels and non laddering tops, in black, nigger, grey, silver and white; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair $1.75

All Wool Ribbed Hose
Well reinforced, in silver, dove, grey, bamboo, meadow lark, nigger and black; colored clocks at sides; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair $1.35

English-made Silk and Wool Hose
4-1 rib, seamless, with wide hem tops and reinforced feet; shown in colors of silver, grey, nigger, Chippendale, also brown and white and black and white; sizes 8½ to 10. Per pair $2.50

Women's Gift Gloves

Mocha Gauntlet Gloves
With pique sewn seams, black embroidered points and contrasting gusset, in beaver, mode and grey; sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair $3.00

Fleece-lined Mocha Gloves
With 1 dome fastener, self points and pique sewn seams, in brown and grey; sizes 6 to 8½. Per pair $1.75

Novelty Mocha Gloves
In pull-on style, fancy stitched turnback cuff, in brown, beaver and grey; sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair $3.00

Dent's Natural Chamois Gloves
With 1 dome fastener, black embroidered points and outside sewn seams; sizes 5¾ to 7. Per pair $2.50
—Main Floor

Sale of Beacon Robings

Here is your opportunity to make a big saving on material for your dressing gown or bath robe. Comes in light, medium and dark colorings; 36 inches wide. Regular $1.25. Special Monday, per yard 98c

Fine English Sheets
Made from sturdy yarns of closely woven texture, ensuring splendid wear; size 72 x 90. Per pair $4.50
Size 80 x 99, per pair .. $5.50

Colored Turkish Towels
Made to give service and long wear. Nice soft finish with good absorbing qualities and a pleasure to use. Size 24 x 48. Price, each 69c
—Main Floor

Women's Silk Scarves

Values to $6.50 for $3.75

Silk Scarves in all the wanted shades, also in stripe effect, in shades of pink and green, fawn and sand, light and dark rose, mauve, also black and grey. Very suitable for New Year gifts. Values to $6.50. Specially priced at

$3.75
—Main Floor

Children's Handkerchiefs

AT SPECIAL PRICES

Lawn Handkerchiefs
With colored borders, 3 in a box; value 35c. Special at, per box 25c

Lawn Handkerchiefs
White lawn Handkerchiefs, with colored borders, also with little worked figures in corners; 3 in a box; value 50c. Special at, per box 35c
—Main Floor

Quick Service Lunch at 40c
In addition to our regular Full Course Luncheon we serve daily a Quick Lunch at 40c. Monday's Menu is as follows:
Individual Chicken Pie
Brussels Sprouts
French Fried Potatoes
Hot Rolls and Butter
Tea, Coffee, Milk
Afternoon Teas
from 3 to 5.30
Orchestra in attendance

Year-End Drug Special

Pinex, value 50c, for 38c
Peps, value 50c, for 38c
Castoria, value 35c, for 28c
Evans' Pastilles, value 25c, 18c
Eau de Cologne, value 45c, 37c
Bath Salts, value $1.25, for 88c
Smelling Salts, value 50c .. 38c
Perfume, in lilac, rose and violet, value 50c, for 37c
Talcum, in glass bottles, value 50c, for 37c
Gillette Razors, a special value for $1.98
Penetrating Hair Brushes, value $1.50, for $1.18
Penetrating Hair Brushes, value $2.00, for $1.63
—Main Floor

Boxed Stationery at 25 Per Cent Off

A large assortment of Boxed Stationery, including note paper and envelopes, and correspondence cards and envelopes, in white, pink, blue and mauve. All at 25% off regular prices
—Main Floor

Half-price Sale of Toys and Dolls

As is customary after Christmas, we are cleaning up on all left-over Mechanical Toys and Dolls, slightly soiled through handling, as we prefer to open up each toy season with fresh new stock. Dolls include Ma Ma Dolls, French Walking Dolls, and Dressed and Undressed Dolls of various kinds. Monday, Half-price
—Lower Main Floor

Fine China Cups and Saucers

This assortment of Cups and Saucers consists of lines of fine English China. Would make ideal gifts, or suitable for afternoon tea service; values to 75c. Monday, each 49c

A Special in 52-piece Dinner Sets, at $12.95

This is a very fine grade of English semi-porcelain, in clear white body; gold trimmed. Value $17.95. Special at, per set $12.95
—Lower Main Floor

Self-Basting Roasters

Round Sheet Iron Roasters, ideal for roast or fowl. Special at 95c
—Lower Main Floor

Corn Poppers

One-half gross of Pint Size Corn Poppers to clear at this very low price. The balance of a large shipment; value 45c. Special at, each 29c
—Lower Main Floor

Notice to Credit Customers
All purchases made on Monday will be charged on January's account.

Groceries and Provisions

for New Year Festivities

Prime Selected Turkeys, per lb. 28c and 30c
Swift's Premium Hams, per lb. 38c
Mild Cured Prime Hams, per lb. at 34c
Malaga Cluster Raisins, per packet at 40c, 50c and 60c
Imported Smyrna Figs, per lb., 40c, 45c and 50c
Golden Hallowi Dates, per lb. 10c
Choice Fard Table Dates, per lb. at 35c
Lea and Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce, per bottle, 25c, 40c and 70c
Heinz's Tomato Ketchup, per bottle
Poultry Dressing, Savory, Thyme and Sage, per tin 12c
Libby's Queen Olives, in bulk, per pint 40c
O Porto, greatly resembles port wine, special, per bottle 78c
Fairall's Ginger Wine, special, per bottle 38c
Thorpe's Soda Water Syphons, each at 20c
Choice Almeria Grapes, per lb. 35c
Red Emperor Grapes, per lb. 25c
Fancy Dessert Apples, 3 lbs. 25c
New Navel Oranges, per dozen, 25c, 35c, 50c and 60c
Hothouse Tomatoes, per lb. 40c
Brussels Sprouts, 3 lbs. for. 25c
Fresh Spinach, 4 lbs. for 25c
Local Cauliflower, each 25c
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs. for ... 25c
Special Mixture of Choice Nuts, per lb. 30c
New Season's Mixed Nuts, per lb. for 20c
Italian Chestnuts, per lb. 35c
California Soft-shelled Walnuts, per lb., 45c and 50c
Sicily Filberts, per lb. 20c
Tarragona Almonds, per lb. 20c
Choice Brazils, per lb. 25c
—Lower Main Floor

DELICIOUS CANDIES

H.B.C. Chocolate Brazil Creams and Chocolate Pecan Bisque, per lb. at $1.00
H.B.C. Fresh Chocolate Dates, per lb. 60c
H.B.C. Assorted Milk Chocolates, hard and soft centres, per lb. 60c
H.B.C. Special Mixture, per lb. 30c
Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, per box, $2.50, $3.00 and $4.00
Ganong's Assorted Chocolates, in fancy boxes, 5 lbs. in a box $3.75
Rochon's Almond Crisp, per lb. 80c
—Main Floor

Year-End Sale of Fur-trimmed Coats

Fur-trimmed Coats, $15.95
Tailored in the newest Winter models, in good quality velour and blanket cloth in wrap-around style with collars and cuffs of beaverette, trimmed with cable stitching. Shown in navy, black brown and fawn; sizes to 40. values to $25.00. Year-end Sale $15.95

Fur-trimmed Coats $24.95
A wonderful assortment of smart up-to-date models in brown, navy new blue, reindeer and brown, in all wool materials, with crushable collars of beaverine, trimmed with embroidery and new stitching; sizes to 40. Values to $39.50. Year-End Sale $24.95

Fur-trimmed Coats $33.95
All the newest models in straight and wrap around styles, with large sleeves, new collars and deep cuffs of beaverine. Made from all wool fabrics, such as velour, Bolivia and Marvella cloth, in styles and sizes suitable for women and misses. Shown in the season's newest shades; sizes 16 to 40. Values to $49.50. Year-End Sale $33.95
—Second Floor

Year-End Sale of Women's Oxfords and Strap Shoes

Women's Grey Shoes, $3.98
Included in this group are Grey Suede Brogues, Grey Buck Oxfords, One-strap and Sandal Strap Slippers, in the latest cut-out effects with covered heels in Spanish or low sandal effect; sizes 3 to 7. Year-End Sale $3.98

Women's Smart Oxfords and Strap Pumps, $4.98
Footwear in popular styles, in patent leather, black kid, tan Russia calfskin and black Russia calf. A fine selection in sandals, Oxfords and one-strap pumps with low, Cuban and military heels; sizes 2½ to 7. Year-End Sale Price, per pair $4.98

Women's Dress Oxfords and Strap Pumps, $5.98
A wide range of dress and walking styles, including black kid, brown calfskin, black satin and patent leather Oxfords and strap pumps with welted and turn soles, Cuban, Spanish and French heels; sizes 3 to 8. Year-End Sale, per pair $5.98
Main Floor

Year-End Millinery Sale

Hundreds of Beautiful Winter Hats Selling at One-third and One-half Regular Prices

Ready-to-Wear Hats
Values to $5.00. Year-End Sale $1.50

Semi-trimmed Hats
Values to $8.50. Year-End Sale $2.50
Values to $10.00. Year-End Sale $3.50

Trimmed Hats
Values to $12.50. Year-End Sale $5.00
Values to $15.00. Year-End Sale $7.50
Values to $25.00. Year-End Sale .. $10.00
—Second Floor

Year-End Sale of Men's Suits and Overcoats

Men's Suits With Two Pairs of Pants $19.85
About 30 Suits in the lot, comprising tweeds in all shades and also all-wool Irish serges. Smart models and every suit carefully tailored and trimmed; broken sizes; values to $25.00. Year-End Sale $19.85

50 Men's High Grade Suits at $24.95 Each
Smart two and three-button models, in the best of imported tweeds, also a few worsteds. All carefully tailored and lined with the best of materials; all sizes here; values to $35.00. Year-End Sale $24.95

Men's Gaberdine Overcoats
In fawn shade. Plain back models with all round belt; full check lined. All sizes. Year-End Sale $14.95

Men's English Gaberdine Coats
Double-breasted models with button, on separate wool lining, also interlined with oiled cotton to make waterproof. The best coat for Winter wear, all sizes; value $25.00. Year-End Sale $19.85
—Main Floor

A Bargain in Boys' Suits

Forty-five Suits, tailored from strong union and all-wool tweeds, in grey, brown and fawn. Smart belted coats, with full-lined bloomers; sizes to fit boys 3 to 16 years; value $9.95. Year-End Sale $5.95

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THE LATEST NEWS FROM FINANCIAL CENTRES

STOCKS GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The detailed publication of the Mellon tax plan had a very beneficial influence on sentiment which found reflection in a rather strong market in the early trading. United States Steel Common was active at the best prices recently, and much of the buying was stimulated by the belief that the extra dividend on that issue, recently declared, may be maintained. Some week-end profit taking made its appearance at the close.

The market, to our way of thinking, is acting in a very satisfactory manner, and warrants the expectation of a continuance of the upward trend for a while longer.

	High	Low	Bid
Ajax Rubber	6-1	5-4	6
Allis Chalmers	45-5	45-5	45-5
Allied Chemical	70-2	69-2	70-1
Am. Beet Sugar	41-2	41-2	41-2
Am. Bosch Magneto	36	35-4	35
Am. Can	105	104-2	104-3
Am. Car and Foundry	161-4	161-4	161-2
Am. Intl. Corp.	23-1	22-1	23-1
Am. Linseed	17-4	17-3	17-4
Am. Locomotive	75-3	75	74-6
Am. Ship. and Com.	10-5	10-5	10-5
Am. Smelters	58-7	58-3	58-3
Am. Steel Foundry	38-6	38-4	38-6
Am. Sugar	55-7	55-2	55-1
Am. Sumatra Tobacco	20-5	20	20
Am. Tel. and Tel.	125	125	124-7
Am. Woolens	73-5	73	73
Anaconda	36-2	35-7	36
Atlantic Gulf	17-6	16-5	17
Atchison Topeka	97	96-5	96-7
Baldwin Locomotive	125-4	124-6	124-6
Baltimore and Ohio	58-7	58-5	58-6
Bethlehem Steel	53-7	53-4	53-4
California Packing	80-4	80	81-2
California Pete	26-3	26	26
Canadian Pacific Ry.	147	145-6	146-6
Cast Iron Pipe	67-5	66-6	67-5
Cerro De Pasco	45-6	45-4	45-4
Central Leather	13-3	13-4	13-4
Chandler Motor Co.	67	66-6	66-4
Chesapeake and Ohio	70-3	69-4	70
C.M. and St. P.	13-5	13-2	13-4
C.M. and St. P. pfd.	23-4	22-6	23-2
Chic. and Northwest.	50-1	49	49-7
Chic., R.I. and Pac.	22-1	21-7	22
Chile Copper	27-4	27-2	27-2
Chino Copper			17-4
Coca Cola	76-3	74-4	75-5
Columbia Gas	34-7	34-7	34-7
Consolidated Gas	61-5	61	61-1
Continental Can	56-4	56	56-2
Corn Products	155-2	153-4	155-2
Cosden Oil	36-3	35-5	35-6
Cuba American Sugar	34	33-3	
Cuba Cane Sugar	15-4	15-3	15-1
Cuba Cane Sugar pfd.	63	62	62
Crucible Steel	68-2	67	66-6
Davison Chemical	71-2	69-6	71
Dupont Powder	130-4	128-5	128-5
Endicott Johnson	64-4	64-4	64
Erie R.R.	21-5	21-5	21-2
Erie first preferred	29-6	29-5	29-4
Famous Players	71-4	70-5	70-7
Fisk Tire	8-2	7-6	8-1
General Asphalt	40-4	40-2	40-1
General Electric	197-2	195-4	195-4
General Motors	14-7	14-5	14-6
Goodrich Rubber	22	22	22
Granby Consolidated	14-6	14-6	14-6
Great North. Ore.	28-6	28-2	28-2
Great North. pfd.	53-5	52-5	53-3
Gulf States Steel	83-6	83-1	83-1
Houston Oil	72	70-5	70-6
Hupp Motor			15-5
Illinois Central	101-4	100-2	101
Inspiration Copper	24-1	24-1	24
International Harv.	77-2	77	77
Int. Mer. Marine	6-2	6-2	6-2
Int. Mer. Marine pfd.	29-4	28-4	29-2
International Nickel	13-6	13-4	13-4
International Paper	37-5	37	37-4
Invincible Oil	17-4	17-3	17-3
Jones Tea	23	22-5	22-5
Julius Kayser	35	34-4	34-4
Kansas City Southern	18	17-5	17-7
Kennecott Copper	33-7	33-6	33-6
Kelly Springfield	32	32	32
Keystone Tire	3	2-6	2-7
Lehigh Valley	59-3	59-3	59-2
Lima Locomotive	66-4	66-2	66-6
Louis. and Nash.	88	88	88
Mack Truck	91	90-4	90-4
Marland Oil	39-2	38-5	38-5
Maxwell A	49-4	48-3	48-6
Maxwell B	13-2	13	13
May Dept. Stores	91	90-6	90-4
Miami Copper	21-6	21-6	21-6
Middlestates Oil	6-1	5-7	6
Midvale Steel	28-7	28-6	28-7
Missouri Pacific	9-3	9	9-2
Missouri Pacific pfd.	27-7	27-4	27-6
National Enamel	40-6	40	40-2
National Lead	143-4	142-4	142
Nevada Consolidated	11-5	11-5	11-5
Norfolk and West.	104	102-5	104
North American	22-3	21-6	21-6
Northern Pacific	52-4	51-3	52
New York Central	104-3	104	104
N.Y., N.H. and Hart.	14-2	13-6	14
N.Y. Ont. and West.	15-4	15-4	15-4
Packard Motor	12-3	12-2	12-2
Pacific Oil	51-5	50-4	50-4
Pan-American	64	63-5	63-6
Pan-American B	61-7	61-2	61-4
Pennsylvania R.R.	42	41-2	41-6
People's Gas	97-4	97-4	97-4
Pere Marquette	41-5	40-4	40-5
Phillips Pete	34-6	34-5	34-6
Pierce Arrow	8-6	8-6	8-6
Pressed Steel Car	51-4	51-2	51-4
Producers and Refiners	38	36-4	37-6
Pullman Company	123-1	122-5	122-4
Punta Allegre	58	57	57
Pure Oil	24-5	24	24
Ray Consolidated	11-2	11-2	11-2
Reading	77-7	77-2	77-1
Replogle Steel	10-4	10-4	10-4
Rep. Iron and Steel	51-3	51	51
Royal Dutch	48-7	47-6	48-1
Shell Union	17-3	16-6	17-3
Sinclair Consolidated	26-7	26-6	26-7
Skelly Oil	86-4	86-4	86-4
Sloss Sheffield	62	61-2	61
Southern Pacific	87-7	87	87-5
Southern Railway	37-3	37	37-2
Standard Oil Cal.	63-5	63-4	63-5
Standard Oil N.J.	40-2	39-2	40
Standard Oil Ind.	66-6	66-1	66-6
Stewart Warner	90-7	90	90-4
St. Louis and San F.	18-4	18-2	18-2
Stromberg Carburetor	80	79-7	79-7
Studebaker Corpn.	107-2	106-3	107-1
Tennessee Copper	9-2	9-2	9-2
Texas Company	43-7	43-4	43-6
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61-4	61-4	61-4
Texas Pacific R.R.	19	18-1	19
Tex. Pac. Coal and Oil	10-7	10-4	10-4
Timken Roller Bearing	39-1	39	39
Tobacco Products	70	69-3	69-5
Transcontinental Oil	3-6	3-4	3-4
Union Pacific	129-2	127-2	129
United Fruit	180	179	180-4
U.S. Ind. Alcohol	71-2	70-4	71-2
U.S. Rubber	37-4	37-1	37-1
U.S. Steel	99-5	98-5	99
U.S. Steel pfd.	119-5	119-5	119-4
Utah Copper	64-6	64-1	64
Vanadium Corpn.	30-1	29-4	30
Virginia Chemical	9-1	9-1	9-1
Wabash R.R.	34-5	34	34-3
Western Union	107	107	106
Westinghouse Electric	62	61-4	61-6
White Motor	55-2	55-2	55
Willys Overland	10-2	10	10
Willys Overland pfd.	81	79-1	80
Woolworth			280

EXCHANGE

Sterling, 4.35½; francs, 5.14; lire, 4.34.

EXCHANGE SUMMARY

Canadian sterling—Buying 4.43; selling 4.47.

New York, Dec. 29. — Foreign exchanges irregular. Quotations in cents.

Great Britain—Demand 4.33½; cables 4.33¾; sixty-day bills on banks 4.31¼.
France — Demand 5.13; cables 5.13½.
Italy — Demand 4.32¾; cables 4.33¼.
Belgium—Demand 4.50½; cables 4.51.
Germany—Demand .0000000002-5; cables .000000000025.
Holland—Demand 38.02; cables 38.07.
Norway—Demand 14.67.
Sweden—Demand 26.46.
Denmark—Demand 17.72.
Switzerland—Demand 17.51.
Spain—Demand 12.97.
Greece—Demand 2.12.
Poland—Demand .000018.
Czecho - Slovakia — Demand 2.92½.
Jugo-Slavia—Demand 1.13½.
Austria—Demand .0014.
Rumania—Demand .51¾.
Argentine—Demand 32.00.
Brazil—Demand 9.75.
Montreal 97 9-16.

BUTTER PRICES TO DROP IN FEW DAYS

Large Shipment of New Zealand Product Arrives on Liner Makura

The butter shortage in the city will be considerably relieved by the large shipment of New Zealand butter arriving on R.M.S. Makura this morning. There were eleven hundred cases for Victoria.

Butter prices in this city are expected to drop considerably as a result of this large consignment arriving on the local market. There has been a big shortage in the city during the past week on account of the large Christmas demand. However, there will be plenty of this commodity and the prices will be greatly reduced.

Vegetables

Garlic, lb. .... .20
Cauliflowers .... .25 to .15
Parsley, bunch .... .05
California Head Lettuce, each .... .15
Local Cabbage, per lb. .... .03
Mint .... .05
Carrots, 12 lbs. .... .25
Leeks, per bunch .... .05
Hothouse Tomatoes, per lb. .... .35

Fruits

Valencia Oranges, dozen .20, .30, .40, .50, .60 and .75
Table Raisins, Spanish .... .45 and .75
Dates, per lb. .... .15
Bananas, dozen .... .60
Lemons, California, dozen.. .30 and .40
Prunes, 2 lbs. for .25, 2 lbs. for .35, 2 lbs. for .45, and, lb. .... .30
Turban Dates, packet .... .15
Florida Grapefruit, each.. .10 and .12½
California Grapefruit, 3 for .25, 2 for .25
Red Emperor Grapes, lb. .... .25
Apples—Okanagan—
Jonathan 2.25
Wagner 2.25
Delicious 4.50
Newton Pippin 2.75
McIntosh Red 2.25
Northern Spy 2.75
Spitzenburg 2.75
Golden Russet 2.50
All kinds, 3 lbs. for .... .25
Local Apples—
Kings .... 1.00 and 1.25
Cooking .... 1.00 and .75
Jap. Oranges, per box .... .43
New Navels .... .60, .50, .40 and .25

Nuts

Almonds, per lb. .... .35
Walnuts, per lb. .... .25
California Soft Shell Walnuts, lb. .... .45
Brazils, per lb. .... .25 and .30
Filberts, per lb. .... .20
Roasted Peanuts, per lb. .... .15
Cocoanuts .... .10 and .15
Chestnuts, lb. .... .35

Dairy Produce and Eggs

Butter—
No. 1 Alberta, lb. .... .48
Comox, lb. .... .56
V.I.M.P.A., lb. .... .55
Cowichan Creamery, lb. .... .55
Salt Spring Island, lb. .... .55
Oleomargarine, lb. .... .28
Pure Lard, lb. .... .21
Eggs—
B.C. fresh, extras .... .60
B.C. fresh firsts .... .55
B.C. fresh pullet .... .53
B.C. Storage .... .40

Cheese

B.C. Cream Cheese, lb. .... .40
B.C. Solids, lb. .... .32
Finest Ontario Solids, lb. .... .34
Finest Ontario Twins, lb. .... .34
Edam Dutch Cheese, lb. .... .50
Gouda Cheese, lb. .... .45
Gorgonzola, lb. .... .95
Imported Parmeson, lb. 1.15
English Stilton, jar 1.00
Stiltons, lb. .... .40
Imported Roquefort, lb. 1.00
Swiss Gruyere, box .... .70
Eagle Brand Camembert, box .... .65
Circle Brand Breakfast Cheese, two packages .... .15

Fish

Bloaters, 2 lbs. .... .25
Cod Fillets, lb. .... .20
Local Halibut, lb. .30, 2 for .... .55
Soles, lb., .15, 2 lbs. for .... .25
Black Cod, fresh, lb. .... .15
Skate, lb. .... .10
Cod, lb. .... .15
Kippers, lb. .... .18
Finnan Haddie, lb. .... .20
Smoked Ling Cod, lb. .... .20
Smoked Black Cod .... .25

Shell Fish

Crabs .... .15, .20 to .25
Shrimps, lb. .... .40
Oysters in shell, dozen .... .65
Olympia Oysters, pint .... .90

Meats

Pork—
Trimmed Loins, lb. .... .40
Legs, lb. .... .29 to .30
Shoulder Roast, lb. .... .20 to .35
Pure Pork Sausage, lb. .... .30
No. 1 Steer Beef—
Suet, lb. .... .18
Sirloin Steak, lb. .... .28
Shoulder Steak, lb. .... .12
Porterhouse, lb. .... .37
Choice Local Lamb—
Shoulders, lb. .... .27
Loins, lb. .... .40
Legs, lb. .... .40
Prime Local Mutton—
Legs, lb. .... .32
Shoulders, lb. .... .20
Loins, full, lb. .... .35

Flour

Standard Grades, 49-lb. sack 2.10

Feed

	Per ton	Per 100
Wheat, No. 1	$44.00	$2.30
Barley	40.00	2.10
Ground Barley	42.00	2.20
Oats	43.00	2.25
Crushed Oats	45.00	2.35
Whole Corn	46.00	2.40
Feed Corn Meal	48.00	2.50
Scratch Feed	47.00	2.45
Timothy Hay	32.00	1.70
Alfalfa Hay	34.00	1.80
Alfalfa Meal	46.00	2.40
Straw	22.00	1.20
Bran	35.00	1.65
Shorts	37.00	1.95

DOW JONES SUMMARY

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Amalgamated Oil shareholders approve its sale to Associated Oil Co.

Swift Intl. declared regular semi-annual dividend of 90 cents.

Hupp Motor Cars nine months ended Sept. 30 net profits $1,940,011.

Surplus freight cars in good repair Dec. 14 were 216,936, increase 19,108 over preceding week.

Duns finds renewed buying in steel and lumber and signs of turn for better in leather and footwear markets.

Dun & Co. report 360 failures for week against 441 in previous week and 407 in 1922.

Plans for electrification of B. & O. lines on Staten Island involving expenditure of $15,000,000 completed.

British Empire Steel reported to have booked 56,000 tons rails for March delivery from Canadian National Railways.

DOW JONES AVERAGES

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Forty leading bonds 86.60, off .02; twenty industrials 95.12, up .14; twenty rails 80.10, up .29

UPSWING CONTINUES IN WALL STREET

(By B.A. Bond Corp., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Yesterday's upward movement was continued at the opening of to-day's short session and some of the leading speculative favorites showed more strength; U.S. Steel sold at 99⅝, a new high on this movement and Studebaker turned quite strong toward the close. The rail list was more active at higher prices, especially in stocks which have been under pressure for some time. Great Northern and Union Pacific were features at one to two point advances. There was some bearish talk after the close yesterday and this morning. Professional traders feel that the market is not acting right and that stocks are being distributed. The small increase in outstanding loans, however, would not suggest this and commission houses are not as busy as they might be. Good judges of the market position contend that stocks are still in strong hands and will not come out except at higher prices.

The oil group advance was again featured by strength in Producers, which sold at 38 and was by far the strongest in this group. Pacific Oil and Producers seem to be in demand even at advancing quotations and no reaction of importance in them seems to be in sight.

The general market was fractionally off from the day's best, but a strong undertone prevailed.

	High	Low	Close
Rails			
Atch., Top. & Santa Fe	97	96⅝	96⅞
Atlantic Coast Line	113½	113	113
Baltimore, Ohio	58⅞	58⅝	58⅝
Canadian Pacific	147	145⅝	147
Chesapeake & Ohio	70⅜	69½	69⅞
Chic. G. Western, pref.	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛
Chic., Mil. & St. P.	13⅝	13¼	13⅝
Chicago Northwest	50⅛	49	49⅞
Chic., R.I. & Pac.	22⅜	21½	22
Do., 7% pref.	76	..	76
Do., 6% pref.	64⅝	64	64¼
Del., Lack. & Western	112½	112	112
Erie	21⅝	21⅝	21½
Do., 1st pref.	29¾	29⅝	29⅝
Great Northern, pref.	53⅝	52¼	53⅝
Illinois Central	101½	100¼	101
Kansas City Southern	18	17⅝	17⅞
Lehigh Valley	59⅜	59⅜	59¼
Louisville & Nashville	88½	88	88½
Soo Line	42	..	42
Miss., Kas. & Texas	11⅛	11⅛	11½
Missoupri Pacific	9½	9⅛	9⅛
Do., pref.	28	27¾	28
N.O., Tex. & Mex.	96	95½	95½
New York Central	104⅜	104	104
N.Y., N.H. & Hartford	14¼	13⅝	14
Ontario & Western	16¼	13⅝	16¼
Norfolk & Western	104½	102⅝	104
Northern Pacific	52½	51⅛	52⅛
Pennsylvania	42	41¼	42
Pere Marquette	41⅝	40½	40½
Pittsburg & W. Va.	37⅝	37½	37⅝
Reading	77⅞	77¼	77⅛
St. Louis & San Fran.	18½	18¼	18½
Southern Pacific	87⅞	87	87⅝
Southern Railway	37⅜	37	37¼
Texas Pacific	19	18⅛	19
Union Pacific	129¼	127¼	129¼
Wabash "A"	34½	34⅛	34½
Western Maryland	9¼	8¾	9¼
Wisconsin Central	37⅛	37	37
Motors			
Chandler Motor Co.	67	66	67
General Motors	14⅞	14⅝	14⅞
Hupp. Motors	15⅞	15⅝	15⅝
Mack Truck	91	90½	90½
Maxwell Motors	49½	48⅝	49
Maxwell B.	12¼	13	13
Moon Motors	25⅝	25¼	25¼
Packard Motor Co.	12⅝	..	12⅝
Pierce Arrow Motor	8⅝	..	8⅝
Studebaker	107¼	106⅝	107¼
White Motor Company	55¼	..	55¼
Willys-Overland	10¼	10	10⅛
Do., pref.	81	79⅛	80⅝
Accessories			
Ajax Rubber	6⅛	5½	6⅛
American Bosch Mag.	36	35½	35½
Electric Stg. Battery	60¼	..	60¼
Fisherbody	164	..	164
Goodrich Rubber	22¼	21⅝	22
Kelly Springfield Tire	32	31⅝	32
Lee Tire & R. Co.	13⅞	..	13⅝
Stewart Warner Co.	90⅞	90⅛	90⅜
Stromberg Carburetor	80	79⅞	80
Timken Roller Bearing	39⅛	39	39⅛
U.S. Rubber	37½	37⅛	37⅛
Sugars			
American Sugar Ref.	55⅝	55¼	55¼
Cuba American Sugar	24	23⅝	23⅞
Cuba Cane Sugar	15⅝	15⅛	15¼
Do., pref.	63	62	62
Punta Allegre Sugar	58	57	57
Tobaccos			
American Sumatra Tob.	20⅝	19⅞	20⅛
R. J. Reynolds Tob.	73⅝	72½	72½
Tob. Products	70	69¼	69⅝
Do., A.	89	88⅞	89
Coppers			
Anaconda	36¼	35⅛	36
American Smelters	58⅞	58⅜	58⅜
Butte & Superior	15	14⅝	14½
Cerro de Pasco Copper	45¾	45½	45½
Chile Copper Co.	27¼	27⅛	27⅛
Chino Copper Co.	17⅝	17½	17½
Dome Mines	19⅝	19½	19⅝
Granby Cons. Mining	14⅝	..	14⅝
Great Northern Ore	28⅝	28⅛	28⅛
Greene Cananea Cop.	14¼	14	14⅛
Inspiration Copper Co.	24⅛	24	24
International Nickel	13⅝	13½	13⅝
Miami Copper Co.	21⅞	21⅝	21⅞
Nevada Cons. Copper	11⅝	11½	11½
Ray Cons. Copper	11¼	11	11⅛
Utah Copper	64¼	..	64¼
Kennecott	33⅞	33½	33⅝
Equipments			
American Locomotive	75⅝	75	75
Baldwin Locomotive	125½	124⅝	124⅝
Gen. Amn. Tank Car	43	..	43
Lima Locomotive	66½	66¼	66¼
N.Y. Air Brake	40	..	40
Pressed Steel Car	51½	51¼	51½
Pullman Co.	122⅞	122⅝	122⅝
Steels			
American Steel Fdy.	38½	38	38
Bethlehem Steel	53⅞	53⅝	53⅝
Crucible Steel	68¼	67	67
Gulf States Steel	83⅝	83⅛	83¼
Midvale Steel	28⅞	..	28⅞
Replogle Steel	11	10½	10⅝
Republic I. & S.	51⅝	51	51
Sloss-Sheffield Steel	62	61¼	61¼
United States Steel	99⅝	99⅝	99
Do., pref.	119⅝	..	119⅝
Vanadium Corpn.	30⅝	29½	30⅝
U.S. Cast Iron Pipe	68	66⅝	67⅝
Oils			
Associated Oil	29	28⅝	28⅝
California Pete	26⅛	26	26
Cosden Oil	36¼	35⅝	35⅝
Houston Oil	72	70½	71
Invincible Oil	17⅝	17⅛	17½
Marland Oil	39⅝	38⅝	38½
Middle States Oil	6⅛	5⅞	6⅛
Pacific Oil	51⅝	50½	50⅝
Pan American Pete	64	63⅝	64
Do., "B"	61⅞	61¼	61½
Phillips Pete	34⅞	34½	34⅝
Producers & Ref.	38	36½	37⅝
Pure Oil	24⅝	24	24
Royal Dutch	48¼	47⅝	47⅞
Shell Union Oil	17⅛	16⅝	17⅝
Sinclair Oil	27⅛	26⅝	27
Skelly Oil	25⅝	25	25¼
Standard Oil—Calif.	63⅝	63¼	63⅝
Standard Oil—N.J.	40⅛	39⅝	40
Texas Company	43⅞	43¼	43⅞
Texas Pacific C. & O.	10⅞	10½	10⅞
Transcontinental Oil	3⅝	3½	3½
Industrials and Miscellaneous			
Allied Chemical	70⅛	69⅝	70⅛
Allis Chalmers Mfg.	46⅛	45⅝	45⅝
Amn. Intl. Corporation	23⅛	22⅛	23⅛
American Can	105	104⅜	104⅜
American Car Fdy.	161½	..	161½
American Ice	85½	84½	85½
American Linseed	17½	17	17
American Radiator	95⅛	..	95⅛
American Ship & Com.	10⅝	10⅜	10⅜
American Tel. & Tele.	125	..	125
American Woolens	73⅝	73	73
Associated Dry Goods	79	77½	78
Atlantic Gulf W.I.	17⅛	17½	17⅛
Austin Nicholls	28⅝	28⅛	28⅛
Barnsdall "A"	15⅛	..	15⅛
Beech Nut Packing	65	65⅛	66
Brooklyn Edison	109½	..	109⅛
Calif. Packing	88⅛	..	88⅛
Central Leather	13⅝	12½	12½
Cluett Peabody Cp.	72½	..	72½
Coca Cola	76⅞	74½	76
Colo. Fuel & Iron	26⅛	25⅞	26⅛
Comptg. & Tablg.	98⅛	97⅛	98
Cons. Cigar	19⅛	17⅞	19
Consolidated Gas	61⅛	61	61⅛
Continental Can	56⅛	..	56⅛
Corn Products	155⅞	153½	155⅛
Davidson Chemical	71⅛	69⅞	71
Dupont Powder	130⅛	128⅛	129⅛
Endicott Johnson	64⅛	..	64⅛
Famous Players-Lasky	71½	70⅛	70⅛
Freeport Texas	12⅛	11⅞	12
General Asphalt	40⅛	40⅛	40⅛
General Electric	197	195⅛	195⅛
Hide & Leather, pref.	51	50	51
Industrial Alcohol	71⅛	70½	71⅛
Intl. C'mbst'l Engine	24⅝	24¼	24⅜
International Harvester	76⅝	..	76⅝
Intl. Merc. Marine, pref.	29⅝	28⅝	29⅛
Intl. Paper	37⅞	37	37⅞
Iron Products	51⅝	50	51⅝
J. Kayser Co.	35	34½	34½
Jones Bros. Tea	23	22¼	22⅝
Loews Incorporated	17⅛	16⅝	17⅛
May Dept. Stores	90⅝	..	90⅝
Montgomery Ward	24½	24	24
National Biscuit	63	61½	62
National Enamel	40½	40	40
National Lead	143½	142½	143
North American Co.	22½	22⅛	22½
People's Gas	97⅝	97⅝	97⅛
Postum Cereal	56⅝	56⅝	56⅞
Public Service N.J.	42½	41½	41⅝
Savage Arms	32½	32⅝	32½
Sears Roebuck	86½	86¼	86¼
Texas Gulf Sulphur	61½	..	61½
United Fruit	180	179	180
U.S. Realty	101⅝	99¾	101⅝
Virginia Chemical	9⅛	..	9⅛
Westinghouse Elec.	62	61½	61⅝
Western Union	107⅞	107	107⅞
Wilson Co.	25⅝	25½	25⅝

Total sales, 749,000.

TO-DAY'S TRADING IN WINNIPEG MARKETS

Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Trading on the wheat market here to-day was light and consisted chiefly of evening up of December contracts. Short selling was strongly resisted, however, and values ranged higher, closing ¾ cent above yesterday's final figures. Export trade was featureless.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	92⅛	93¼	92⅛	93½
May	98⅝	93½	98¼	99
July	100	101	99⅞	100⅞
Oats—				
Dec.	36½	37¼	36⅝	37¼
May	41	41⅝	40⅞	41½
July	41⅞	42⅜	41⅞	42⅜
Barley—				
Dec.	62½	63½	63	62
May	56¾	58¾	56¾	58¾
Flax—				
Dec.	200½	200½	199½	200⅝
May	206	207½	206	207½
July	206	208	206	208
Rye—				
Dec.	65	66½	65	66½
May	70⅞	71¼	70⅞	71¼

Cash Prices

Wheat—1 Nor., 92⅛; 2 Nor., 90⅛; 3 Nor., 85⅛; No. 4, 78; No. 5, 70; No. 6, 66; track, 93; rusted: No. 4, 76; No. 5, 70; No. 6, 66.

Oats—2 C.W., 37⅛; 3 C.W., 34⅛; extra 1 feed, 34⅛; 1 feed, 32⅛; 2 feed, 30; rejected, 27⅛; track, 37.

Barley—3 C.W., 62; 4 C.W., 58; rejected, 48⅛; feed, 47⅛; track, 55⅛.

Flax—1 N.W.C., 200⅝; 2 C.W., 196⅝; 3 C.W. and rejected, 178½; track, 200½.

Rye—2 C.W., 66⅛.

Victoria Stock Exchange

	Bid	Asked
Mining—		
B'ndary Red Mountain	$ .16	$ .24
Bowena Copper	..	.18
Coalmont Collieries	..	30.00
Consolidated M. and S.	27.00	29.00
Cork Province	.06½	.09½
Douglas Channel	.01	.01¾
Dunwell Mines	..	1.75
Granby Consolidated	14.00	..
Hazelton Gold-Cobalt	..	.01
Howe Sound	2.75	3.50
Indian Mines	.50	.57
International Coal	.11	.14
Liberator Mining Co.	..	.05
McGillivray Coal	.65	.75
Premier Mines	2.00	..
Rambler-Cariboo	..	.06
Sheep Cr'k Consolidated	.00¾	.00⅞
Silver Crest Mines	..	.03
Silversmith	..	.38
Snug Cove Copper	..	.02
Standard Silver Lead	..	.21
Sunloch Mines	..	.30
Surf Inlet Gold	..	.17
Oils—		
Athabasca Oil	..	.03
Boundary Bay Oil	.00 1-16	.00⅛
British Pete	1.00	..
Empire Oil	..	.00½
Pitt Meadows	..	.02
Spartan Oil	.00½	.00¾
Sweetgrass	.00¾	.00⅞
Trojan Oil	.04½	..
Utility Oil	..	.00⅛
Miscellaneous—		
Allen Theatre preferred	24.00	..
B.C. Permanent Loan	94.50	100.00
Canadian Pacific Ry.	146.00	150.00
Gregory Tire and Rub.	..	3.00

Montreal Stocks

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

	Last
Abitibi	63-1
Asbestos	28-4
Brompton Paper	39-7
Brazilian Trac.	43-5
Canada Cement common	86-4
Canada Car Foundry common	36-2
Canada Steamships common	11
Canada Steamships preferred	41-4
Canada Cottons	109-7
Canada General Electric	114-4
Can. Converters	81-4
Consolidated Mining and Smelting	30-4
Detroit United	69-7
Dominion Bridge	65-4
Dominion Textile	63
Lake of the Woods Milling	165
Laurentide Co.	90-4
Howard Smith	67-4
Ottawa Power	80-4
Penmans Ltd.	148
Shawinigan	118-4
Spanish River Pulp	102-1
Spanish River Pulp pfd.	108-4
Steel of Canada	76-6
Union Bank of Canada	105-4
Canadian Bank of Commerce	183-4
Molson's Bank of Canada	155-6
Bank of Montreal	240
Royal Bank of Canada	211-4

BROADER TRADE ABSORBS SALES

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat scored its best gain in some time and the trade broadened materially in the last hour with the market showing a surprising capacity to absorb the sales. Shorts found it hard to even up. Small receipts are having some effect but the general news did not suggest an special reason for the advance to-day. Selling apparently has been overdone, with the bearish news featured over emphasized so much that the effect has been lost. Deliveries to-day were 264,000 bushels but found little difficulty in finding a place. Canadian markets are somewhat stronger, and foreign cables indicated a well stabilized position abroad. The trade would welcome an active turn on the bull side, and it would do much toward creating a more cheerful sentiment generally.

Corn: Deliveries of 555,000 bushels had little effect on the market and there was a rather substantial upturn. It is apparent that the country is not pressing much corn for sale, and while the primary run recently has been fairly liberal, Chicago receipts are much smaller than a year ago. Hog receipts show conclusively that farm consumption has been better than supposed and this is a sign that there will be less pressure to sell by the country. From now on we believe the general demand will be better, while farmers will sell only on hard spots, as bull sentiment is pretty general in the country. Look for higher prices.

Oats: Narrow trade early, gradually broadening out with the advance in other grains. News developments in this grain are not bearish and all that is needed to realize bull sentiment is to have the forward price movement in the grains.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
December	101-1	102-3	100-7	102-3
May	106-7	108	106-5	107-8
July	105-4	106-2	105-2	106-2
Corn—				
July	74-7	75-5	74-6	75-4
December	70-2	70-4	69-6	70-3
May	73-4	74-5	73-4	74-4
Oats—				
July	42-4	43-3	42-4	43-2
December	41-6	43-2	41-6	43-2
May	45	45-6	45	45-5

STRONGER MARKET IN CHICAGO GRAIN

(By B.A. Bond Corp., Ltd.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—A definite turn for the better in grain prices seems to have been inaugurated to-day. A dull and featureless market developed during the first part of the session, but towards the close the market became more active and closed a cent or so better than yesterday. December liquidation seems to have about run its course, and this no doubt was the prime factor in turning the market.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
Dec.	101⅛	102⅜	100⅞	102⅛
May	107	108¼	106⅝	107⅞
July	105⅛	106⅜	105¼	106⅞
Corn—				
Dec.	70¼	70½	69⅞	70½
May	73½	74⅜	73½	74⅛
July	74⅜	75⅜	74⅜	75½
Oats—				
Dec.	41¾	43	41¾	42
May	45⅛	45¾	45⅛	45¾
July	43⅛	43⅜	42⅞	43⅜
Rye—				
May	73½	74⅜	73½	74⅛

TORONTO VICTORY AND WAR LOAN BONDS

	Bid	Asked
Victory Loan, 5½%—Tax Free.		
1927 1st June and Dec.	101.90	102.90
1923 1st May and Nov.	104.90	105.90
1937 1st June and Dec.	107.15	108.15
Victory Loan, 5½%.		
1924 1st May and Nov.	99.80	100.80
1927 1st May and Nov.	100.75	101.75
1932 1st May and Nov.	101.35	102.35
1934 1st May and Nov.	101.85	102.85
War Loan, 5%—Tax Free.		
1925 1st June and Dec.	99.95	100.95
1931 1st April and Oct.	100.25	101.25
1937 1st March and Sept.	102.25	103.25

Add Accrued Interest to Date

1927, 1937, 28 days, $4.219 per $1,000; 1923, 1924, 1927, 1932, 1933, 1934, 58 days, $8.75 per $1,000.

SILVER

New York, Dec. 29.—Bar silver, 64⅝; Mexican dollars, 49⅝.

London, Dec. 29.—Bar silver, 33 3-16d. per ounce. Money, 1⅝ per cent. Discount rates: Short bills, 3 7-16 per cent.; three months' bills, 3⅝ per cent.

SUGAR

New York, Dec. 29.—Raw sugar, centrifugal, 7.03; refined granulated, 8.70 to 8.90.

PACKING STOCKS

(By B.A. Bond Corp., Ltd.)

	Bid	Asked
Armour (Del.)	92	92½
Armour (Ills.)	80	80½
Wilson Co.	25½	25¾
Swift	101⅝	102
Swift Intl.	20	20¼
Cudahy Packing	60	60½

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

	Open	High	Low	Last
Jan.	35.15	35.25	34.90	35.09
March	35.90	35.95	35.32	35.40
May	35.98	35.98	35.50	35.57
July	35.00	35.07	34.59	34.62
Oct.	29.08	29.10	28.17	28.80
Spot				35.45

RAW SUGAR MARKET

(By British American Bond Corp., Ltd.)

	High	Low	Close
Jan.	5.17	5.07	5.07
March	4.48	4.40	4.40
July	4.65	4.55	4.55
May	4.55	4.47	4.47

NEW YORK COTTON

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
October	28.19	29.18	28.77	28.77
January	35.12	35.25	34.90	34.95
March	35.80	35.85	35.32	35.36
May	35.96	35.98	35.60	35.56
July	35.00	35.07	34.55	34.60

RAW SUGAR CLOSE

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

January 5.07, March 4.40 and May 4.47.

EXCHANGE

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York sterling 433-6, francs 512 and lire 433-4.

HERE AND THERE

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Pennsylvania system's November net operating income was $6,398,940, as against $6,182,029.

Erie's November net operating income was $1,827,833, as against $677,157.

Mr. Livermore's prediction of another 1900 market, when there was a succession of advances discounting the election, though this time it was to be Coolidge election that was to be the basis for the rise, was the subject of much favorable comment.

Steel shares showed an improved tone after announcement from Chicago that pig iron had been advanced 50 cents a ton.

Stockholders on March 25 will either approve or disapprove an increase in common stock of Corn Products from $50,000,000 to $75,000,000, and also a change in par common from $100 to $25.

Action of American Woolen has been puzzling. The stock is over thirty-five points below its top for past year.

Some of the changes from the present tax as provided in the treasury draft of the Revenue Act are: Normal tax will be three per cent. up to $4,000 net income and six per cent. on remainder, surtax starting at $10,000.

Dawes and Young have left to participate in the reparations conference in Paris Jan. 14.

Bankers say there is little prospect of any Italian financing in this country now.

New Cuban sugar crop will exceed the last crop by more than 200,000 tons according to Federal Sugar Refining Co., the estimate for 1923 and 1924 crop places at 3,815,000 tons under normal weather conditions.

Oil City, Pennsylvania, motor gasoline has been advanced 1½c per gallon by Northwestern Pennsylvania refiners.

SMALL GRAIN RECEIPTS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Wheat: Cables one penny off for December and ¼ higher for the deferred months, Liverpool action being direct opposite of yesterday. Deliveries are 264,000 this morning. There is plenty of bear news, especially in regard to Canadian position in wheat, but the bearish features are pretty well discounted. Receipts in this country are extremely small and the small run, if continued, will be a factor later.

Corn and oats—Deliveries of corn largest so far at 555,000 bushels. This may affect the December to some extent. Weather more normal, colder in West.

Oats and rye deliveries 19,000 and 22,000 bushels respectively.

Look for a trading market all around next few days.

COTTON OPINIONS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—Hick & Williams: We believe advantage should be taken of all such reactions to make purchases.

Munds & Winslow: With due exception for occasional periods of irregularity and reactions, we expect the market to display an upward tendency.

Fenner & Beane: We believe it will not be long before we see a much higher price.

GRAIN OPINIONS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Harris Winthrop: Shorts have been the principal buyers as we see it.

Stein Alstrin: We see no reason why wheat should advance. An increased run of corn would probably cause lower prices.

Bartlett Frazier: Looks for selling pressure on bulges.

Riordan Martin: Would buy on setbacks.

CAR LOTS

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Wheat	14	5	14	45
Corn	131	111	131	279
Oats	40	34	40	75
Rye	3	0	3	10
Barley	14	0	14	8

MORNING STOCK LETTER

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—We are of the opinion that the general market is shaping itself for another forward movement.

R. P. CLARK & CO. TAKE OVER STOCK FIRM OF BURDICKS

Big Sum of New Money to Back Reorganized Business

New Offices Taken; Investment Here to be Popularized

R. P. Clark & Co., Ltd., will take over the bond and stock business of Burdick Bros., Ltd., at the close of business on Monday, it was announced to-day.

The Burdicks are retiring from the financial business here and will devote themselves to their shipping interests.

Brigadier-General R. P. Clark, who is head of the new firm, will have associated with him as directors, C. L. H. Branson, Charles E. Brown, and W. J. Gurney, who have been with his firm for sometime. Besides these, several prominent Victoria citizens will be financially interested in the firm, and a considerable sum of new money brought into the business so that it will have more than adequate backing and provide unusual security for clients, it was announced.

R. P. Clark & Co. will take over the Logan & Bryan leased wire to Chicago and New York.

General Clark said to-day that the firm will furnish an instantaneous quotation service on their board on all New York stocks on the New York Stock Exchange and grain prices as they fluctuate in Chicago and Winnipeg. Bonds will also be handled as a continuation of the bond business which R. P. Clark & Co. have carried on since the inauguration of the firm shortly after the end of the war.

General Clark also announced today that his firm had taken a lease on the big store at View and Broad Streets, formerly occupied by Mitchell & Duncan and about February 1 they will move in after quotation boards have been set up. The new offices, the General pointed out, are in the centre of the business section of the city and will enable business men to drop in and make a deal in stocks or grain or cotton without losing any time. It is the intention of the firm to popularize trading in Victoria and bring to the attention of business men and retired investors the opportunities for making quick money by speculating in wheat or cotton, and the small amount of money that is often sufficient to make big profits if one has the knack of guessing the market.

Gerald Roe will remain with the reorganized firm as floor manager and provide investors and speculators with the latest information on market movements. Through his connections, he will be able to supply clients with exclusive information in advance about movements the market is going to have, thus enabling them to buy or sell advantageously.

H. J. DALY SERIOUSLY ILL IN TORONTO

Former President of Home Bank Now in Hospital

Toronto, Dec. 29.—H. J. Daly, president of the Home Bank, who with nine directors and officials of the institution faces several charges in connection with its suspension several months ago, is again seriously ill. He has been removed from his residence here to St. Michael's Hospital.

T. N. Phelan, K.C., counsel for Mr. Daly in the charges preferred against him, stated that the banker was in a serious condition, suffering from nervous trouble and a complete breakdown. It is believed the sudden death of Thomas O'Connor, his secretary, recently had a serious effect upon his condition.

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TENDERS FOR SUPPLIES

Tenders, sealed, endorsed "Tenders for Supplies," and addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, January 7, 1924, for the supplying of the following articles to the Corporation of the City of Victoria for the year 1924:

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Printing	

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City Hall, Victoria, B.C., Dec. 14, 1923.

EARTH SHOCKS FELT IN ECUADOR; THREE IN NUMBER

Guayaquil, Ecuador, Dec. 29. — Advices from Tulcan say three earth shocks were recorded there. The tremors were also felt at Cuenca.

CAPITAL READY FOR SOUND INVESTMENTS

British Resources Indicated by Stock Market Activities During 1923

London, Dec. 29 (Canadian Press Cable)—Stockbrokers and their clients naturally gave more thought to Christmas than to business this week. The latter, therefore, remained on a very half-hearted scale, although the quotations generally continued quiet and firm.

The war loan touched parity yesterday and other Government issues showed a strong character. There has been an improvement in the foreign market, especially in railway stocks.

A review of the conditions for the year shows a very large decrease in the aggregate of new capital issues on the London market as compared with that of last year. This, however, is accounted for almost entirely by the decrease in the British Government borrowings. The borrowings from abroad have been on a substantially heavier scale than in 1922, but there has been an entire absence of home issues by the municipalities. Big declines have been noticeable in the borrowings of rubber and oil companies. The demand for new capital by industrial enterprises generally, however, has been larger this year than last year. Among the Dominion borrowers, Australia raised £25,000,000; India in a single operation this year floated £20,000,000 at ninety, and colonial municipalities made fairly frequent appearances as borrowers.

On the whole the British public has manifested the possession of abundant resources when new offers of any real merit were placed before them.

PROBATES GRANTED

Probates and administrations granted out of the Victoria Court Registry during the current week include the following estates: Jane Gordon Whitelaw, who died at Victoria on September 19, 1922, estate $2,800; Frank White, who died at Victoria on November 22, estate $800; Elizabeth McLellan, who died at Victoria on November 16, estate $1,112; John Currie McDougall, who died at Victoria on October 19, estate $5,296; Scottish probate resealed in B.C., Janet Lumsden, B.C. estate $958; Alberta probate resealed, Thomas William Blair, B.C. estate $3,500; English probate resealed, Henry Cox, B.C. estate $5,050.

LIVERPOOL GRAIN

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

Opening—Wheat: Dec., 9s. 1½d., ¼ lower; March, 8s. 9d., ¼ higher; May, 8s. 7d., unchanged.

Closed—Dec., 1d. lower; March and May, ¼ higher; Dec., 9s. 0⅜d; May, 8s. 7¼d; March, 8s. 9d.

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MURDERER HACKED VICTIM TO PIECES

(Continued from page 1.)

TONG MEMBER

The elderly man was a member of the Sin Fook Tong, five fellow members attending the inquest to hear the details of the evidence. Dr. R. L. Miller gave the chief evidence this morning, following a post mortem made on Thursday afternoon last. The murdered man received upwards of a dozen vicious slashes from a dull cutting instrument before falling with a smashed skull. The wounds indicated that Pang had fended off axe blows with his arms until a heavy blow caught him on the top of the head, crushing the skull like an eggshell. The death struggle took place in a space between stove and table some four feet by four feet square. The remains had been terribly mutilated by the gnawing of either cats or rats, it could not be determined which.

Lum Min, a Chinese wood cutter from Duncan, told of finding the body when he went to visit his friend at 2 p.m. on Wednesday of this week. He was frightened at the sight of the body and returned to Victoria, where he told Yok Wah, a Chinese barber. Several hours later Chief Fry of the city police had been notified, and at once got in touch with the Provincial force. Constable Malcolm McPhail went at once to the scene of the murder, about eight o'clock on Wednesday evening, and removed the body to the city after noting the details of the shack.

ALIVE ON FRIDAY

The murdered man was alive at noon on Friday of last week, stated David Thom, son of the proprietor of a Colwood feed store, who delivered a sack of grain on the following morning and received no answer. The boy actually opened the door but saw nothing and left, deeming that Pang was in his fields. At noon on Friday Pang had ordered "shorts" in person, and asked to have them delivered on the day following. No liquor was found on the premises, stated the police, and the only bottle there was found to contain coal oil. A coal oil lamp was found thrown outside the house, with its globe lying at some distance away. There was no light in the place when the police got there, but the lamp appeared to have been taken from inside and thrown out, perhaps by the murderer in person. If there had been marks on the lamp the rain following its exposure had obliterated all trace of such.

The case was a clear one of murder after a struggle, summed up Coroner Dr. E. C. Hart. The jury agreed, bringing in a verdict of wilful murder within thirty seconds. The inquest had little effect on the knowledge in possession of the police who are still at a loss to ascribe a motive for the crime. Under Foreman W. H. Davies, the jury comprised Messrs. James Ridout, Neil Cameron, C. E. Huisizer, William Shrewbury and C. H. Kilberger.

COTTON LETTER

(By Burdick Bros., Ltd.)

New York, Dec. 29.—The market seems to be going through a period of profit taking which appears only natural in view of the extent of the advance a short while ago. Bullish fundamentals in the situation have not been altered from our early observations, and we think that the buying side on sharp recessions is the more reasonable one to follow.

MONEY IN GRAIN
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SECOND SECTION

VICTORIA, B.C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1923

COST BRITISH $100,000,000 TO STAGE BATTLE OF YPRES

King Objects to Dissolving Parliament

Public Opinion Backs Him, Insisting Three-Party Problem be Solved Without Election

By J. A. Spender

London, Dec. 29—The idea that another election is inevitable in three months is gradually fading out of the picture here, and the general disposition is to say that the new Parliament must exhaust all efforts to solve the problem the electors have given it before it dreams of dissolution.

A week ago Labor men were saying that, having taken office, they would court defeat by putting the capital levy and other advanced proposals into their parliamentary programme and go immediately to the country on these issues, but this assumes that they could obtain a dissolution of Parliament at their pleasure, and that is certainly not to be taken for granted.

One of the prerogatives which all constitutionalists concede to the Crown is that of refusing to dissolve Parliament on the advice of one Prime Minister if another can be found to form a government. Seeing that each of the three parties is in a minority it is unlikely that the King will give the leaders of any of them power to kill the Parliament until it is proved by experience that none of them can obtain a sufficient majority to carry on. If King George took this view of his duties he would certainly have opinion behind him, for the public is sick of elections and holds that it is the business of Parliament and not of the electors to find a way out of the present difficulty. It is pointed out that the present Parliament more accurately reflects the opinions of voters than almost any we have had in recent years and that there is little probability of another election at an early date giving a different result.

SAY PARLIAMENT MUST CARRY ON

The existence of three parties is a fact which on any fair system of voting ought to produce a corresponding representation in Parliament; therefore, says the public, the business of the leaders and members is not to break the Parliament in a fit of petulance at its not giving a two-party result, but to find a way of making the three-party system work. The function of the King is to see that all possible combinations are tried before the task is given up as hopeless. That view is likely to prevail, and, if so, all that Labor can look for is that it should have the first chance if Prime Minister Baldwin is thrown out, as he almost certainly will be when Parliament meets.

Liberals argue that since Labor is the second largest party this is constitutional and proper, and they are very unlikely to join the Conservatives in any attempt to keep it out. A combination of middle class parties to exclude Labor would, they are convinced, be the surest way to make it dangerous and to arouse class antagonisms in the country. They are therefore disposed not only to stand aside while Labor forms a Government but to give it the necessary support so long as it abstains from imposing the capital levy or other Socialist projects, for which manifestly it has not a mandate from the country.

Ramsay Macdonald and the leaders are expected tacitly to accept this condition, but whether, and if so for how long they will be able to carry their extremists with them is at present an unknown factor.

SEE DANGER IN EXTREME PROGRAMME

Leaders are probable aware that the original plan of forcing an election with an extreme programme would be as ruinous to them as Mr. Baldwin's attempt to force protection was to him. No doubt they would be glad to go quietly and endeavor to dispel the idea that Labor is unfit to govern. Many of them are cultivated, intellectual gentlemen, who have never done a day's manual labor and who entertain the same parliamentary ambitions as other men of their type, but behind them are large numbers of trade union officials and on their flank a small but very active group of Communists who will take advantage of anything that can be called weakness. Only experience can show whether a party so constituted can develop the unity and discipline which will carry it through an ordinary session of the House of Commons.

In the peculiarly difficult circumstances in which a minority Government must find itself, the prevailing opinion here is that the experiment must be made.

RABBIT SKINS CROWD OUT ERMINE COATS

London, Dec. 29.—Br'er Rabbit is beginning to crowd out Br'er Ermine on the fur trimmed coats of Milady in England, carrying his conquest even as far as court circles. Several royalties are among prominent London fashion leaders who have made bunny's the most popular fur of the season. It is dyed all shades in imitation of many more costly skins, chinchilla being the favorite.

Fur clad society also is reviving this Winter the 1830 waist length circular cape, shaped exactly like the old Victorian model.

390-YEAR-OLD TREE KILLS MAN

London, Dec. 29.—J. T. Osborne's soul may derive some satisfaction from the knowledge that the branch of the tree which killed him belonged to one in Cassiobury Park, near Walford, planted by the French landscape gardener Le Notre, who did the gardens at Versailles and the Quirinal. The tree, which stands near the golf course, is a monster plant, probably 300 years old.

The branch that fell upon Osborne was eleven feet around and weighed about five tons, being forty feet long. Although there was a ring of live wood nine inches thick about the limb the core was black with rot.

GOLF CLUB HUMBLE NOW TO MACDONALD

London, Dec. 29.—J. Ramsey Macdonald, potential Prime Minister, has gone to Scotland to spend Yuletide with his family. He does not expect to play golf on the splendid course overlooking Moray Firth, near his Lossiemouth home.

During the war Macdonald was ousted from the club by members who objected to his attitude toward the war. Now, with the likelihood that his address one day will be 10 Downing Street, the club has intimated its willingness to let bygones be bygones. But Macdonald replied that, while he bore the members no ill will and regards the incident closed, he considered himself still excluded. It is possible that the peacemakers will avail themselves of Macdonald's visit to smooth out matters.

Labor a Threat to Social Life, Is London's Fear

Less Entertaining With Party in Power; Regime Would Include Many Students

London, Dec. 29.—While the political consequences which might follow the installation of a Labor Government are uppermost in the mind of the nation at large there are many persons who wonder what effect Labor's rise to power would have upon social life in the British capital. There would have to be considerable entertaining by such persons as the Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary and his wife?

But it is unlikely that Labor's regime, at least at first, would not be marked by much social activity. In the first place, outside their salaries most of the Ministers would have little to expend on such things and if they did so they would find some of their extremist colleagues at their heels.

There is a noisy group in the party who thought it all wrong for Laborites to put their feet under the table with those of royalty and aristocracy at Lady Astor's dinners. This same group, though they get no sympathy from the rest of the party for their attitude, probably would be the first to disapprove of Laborite Ministers eating anything in the evening except a "high tea" of salt fish and boiled eggs, or sausages and mashed potatoes. However, it would be impossible for the wife of the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs to ask the members of the diplomatic corps to attend such a proletrian repast.

Ramsay Macdonald's eldest daughter, who is very accomplished, would be the chatelaine at No. 10 Downing Street, as he is a widower. Philip Snowden, literary M.P., has been mentioned for Chancellor of the Exchequer. His wife is a very able writer and speaker. Arthur Ponsonby, who served in the diplomatic service and the foreign office ten years, is spoken of as Foreign Secretary. He was Page of Honor to Queen Victoria, and was educated at Eton and Oxford. His wife is the daughter of Sir Hubert Parry.

Sidney Webb is also mentioned as a Cabinet Minister. His wife, who is as well known a writer and speaker as her husband, would be another distinguished addition to the list of women in the official set. In fact, Labor's entry into power would find probably more serious students among them than any recent government has been able to boast.

THIS GOLF HATER SHOULD MEET OUR OWN JOHN DEAN

London, Dec. 29.—If your brain is tired don't play golf. For, says Dr. Harold Dearden, it is the worst of all forms of exercise for the brain-worker. The only benefit you get is when you smash you club after missing a three-foot putt on the last hole.

Dr. Dearden has scientific reasons for saying all this. He writes in an article on physical training as a cure for neurasthenia:

"Golf involves performance in sequence of a number of highly coordinated actions, in most cases attended with indifferent success. The whole affair is commonly a grim one carried out in a sort of restriction of the nervous system inimical to rest.

"It is likely that when the frenzied, despairing golfer breaks his club across his knee he comes closest to deriving benefit from his so misguided selection of a hobby."

But Dr. Dearden believes in other games, not games that involve the competitive spirit. These last cause men to forget fatigue, he says, and they overexert while at the same time playing at high nervous tension.

Most Hated Once, Soon to Rule Britain

Ramsay Macdonald's Work of Welding Party Factions is Called Masterpiece

London, Dec. 29.—The most talked-about man in England to-day is J. Ramsay Macdonald.

The pendulum has swung from one end of the arc to the other since 1917, when Macdonald might have been described as one of the most hated men in the country. To-day he heads a party of almost 200 members of Parliament, representing more than 4,500,000 of the British electorate, and, if "the King's opposition" is called on to form a government, will be Great Britain's first Labor Premier.

As an illustration of the tremendous change in his position in the last seven years, I recall that a long interview he gave me in 1916 on the attitude of British labor was so emasculated by the censor as to be hardly worth while publishing. Recently I took an American college president to see him in his office in the House of Commons, and they found so much to discuss that the leader of His Majesty's Opposition remained off the front bench so long his deputies became truly worried.

Macdonald has held the respect of politicians for years, and even at the time when a large part of the British press was condemning his pacifist views, Premier Lloyd George was endeavoring to get him to consent to join his coalition ministry. The Labor Party leader and "the little Welshman" are close friends, as well as admirers of each other's political dexterity and parliamentary skill.

BIG GAINS BY PARTY

Around Macdonald have gathered scores of members of Parliament who lived under the thickest of black clouds during the war period. Philip Snowden, Lansbury, Smillie, Trevelyan, Morel, Kirkwood and Maxton are only a few of those who suffered either imprisonment or ostracism because of their seditious utterances during the war. Perhaps nothing illustrates so well the striking change in national temperament and sentiment as do the results of the recent election. For more than a year the Labor Party has held the proud position of His Majesty's Opposition in Parliament.

Few Britons were prepared for the startling increase in the party's representation which the elections last week brought about. Least of all were certain London newspapers prepared for these—particularly those which had anticipated a success for the Liberals. To Macdonald goes most of the credit for his party's success.

When he assumed leadership, following Bonar Law's election and victory in the Fall of 1922, he had a most difficult task to perform. In his party were three distinct groups—extremists, moderates and straight trade unionists. The extremists formed a majority, but they had a wonderful capacity for creating trouble and bringing criticism upon the labor movement.

Macdonald held this element in check, and he succeeded without sacrificing its support. He is a Scotchman, canny, suspicious, dogged and courageous. He lost a lot of votes at the last election because his supporters were not satisfied to put a cross on his ballot, but with enthusiasm wrote "The good old Mac."

That is indicative of the feeling with which the workers regard him to-day. He is just over fifty-five years old, and looks his years. His hair is grey and his long broad mustache is streaked with white. His eyes are dark and piercing and his facial expression is stern, but he has an amazing sense of humor, enjoys a joke and is happy in making one. His voice is well trained for public speaking, and he is at his best in the House of Commons.

WORKER FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

For almost twenty-five years he has been a constant worker in the Labor Party. His list of publications, especially on Socialist topics, is long. He is the father of five children—two sons and three daughters. Macdonald suffered a heavy blow in the death of his wife just before the war.

Like most Scotchmen, he is a golfer well above the duffer class. Perhaps no Briton had wider experience in the international conferences than Macdonald, who because of his executive position and linguistic ability has attended labor gatherings in every part of Europe for the last quarter of a century. He has made two trips to America. During the last parliamentary recess he made an extended trip through Europe, including Constantinople in his itinerary.

What would Macdonald do as Premier? He is unable to lay down any specific or definite programme, because any leader who makes a change under the present conditions cannot be his own master. In a broad and general way, however, his policy can be outlined. The foremost of all problems to-day is unemployment.

Labor and the Liberals believe it must be tackled from without and through political changes. Consequently, Macdonald would suggest immediate recognition of Russia. Liberals would be bound to support him in this, because they made it one of the planks in their election platform.

Next would come the summoning of an international conference on reparations and war debts. Labor would invite Germany, Russia and the United States, and it would insist on holding such a conference even if France refused to attend. Macdonald banks heavily on public opinion bringing about better international relations.

He could not think otherwise, after his years spent in furthering world labor relations. Neither of these two steps in international policy is so radical as to alienate any large body of opinion in Parliament. It is a certainty that the capital levy, which assumed the proportions of a horrible nightmare in the minds of many opponents of labor, will not be raised. That scheme will be pigeonholed for a long time to come, and will accumulate much dust before being taken out for any practical consideration.

The national housing scheme, which already has been developed by labor would be introduced as a legislative measure. Lloyd George's coalition government made a move in this direction immediately after the war, but not nearly so boldly as labor would do. It would insist on extension of grants to facilitate trade both at home and abroad.

Perhaps the most revolutionary departures, from the British viewpoint, would come through recommendations for social reform. Labor would fix the age at which school children should leave their studies at sixteen, and make a maintenance grant to parents. It would develop the nation's roads and waterways and make drastic economies in naval and military expenditures.

It would remove the tariff on sugar, tea and coffee, and thereby lower the cost of living, and counterbalance this by increasing the death duties and supertax. Labor's host of experts—theorists, as they are called by their opponents—are working out a national programme. Women exert a large influence in the councils of the party, and this fact accounts in part for the support which the party received among the women voters.

LONDON'S YEAR END SPOILED BY POLITICS

By ARTHUR W. KIDDY

Editor of The Bankers' Magazine and Financial Editor of The London Morning Post

London, Dec. 29.—Home politics are damping the year end.

It is recognized that a considerable time must elapse before there is a possibility of actual Labor or socialistic legislation. The first period after the reassembling of Parliament probably will be mainly occupied with manoeuvring for positions.

In the meantime, however, the markets necessarily are unsettled and, expressed bluntly, the danger is lest apprehensions in advance of actual events should occasion a small flight of capital, which might even develop seriously. It is more likely, however, that sober common sense will prevail.

FEAR FLIGHT OF CAPITAL

Apart from a very few instances, the position at present is limited to inquiries by individuals of their bankers concerning the course which should be pursued. This country contains great numbers of its population who are living on private fixed incomes from investments. War taxation and the rise in commodity prices already have severely strained those resources, and the threat of any serious further strain might even occasion actual migrations.

I am not suggesting that these apprehensions are justified, or even that they are widespread; but I should not be giving a faithful report of the situation if I failed to record them or if I minimized the possibilities of the situation if the policies of Labor extremists prevailed.

It is conceivable that the general atmosphere will be improved shortly by better developments in the reparations crisis, the appointments of the British representatives to the reparations committee being satisfactory, while it is believed that France will be inclined to give greater co-operation. But while a real improvement in the Continental situation undoubtedly would be helpful generally, especially to trade, securities might be affected by the possibilities in the way of dearer money.

Moreover, unless the temper of Labor is improved, if even is possible that Britain might not fully participate in a revival in international trade, especially if allowance be made for the handicaps in the exchange position. It is feared also that no great improvement in the exchanges is possible until international debt questions have been arranged, and it is difficult to see how Britain ever can return to a free gold market until gold supplies and the trade balance are more evenly distributed.

BANKING POSITION STRONG

Unless there is a slump in securities during the next couple of days, the banking year is likely to close fairly well. Profits have been maintained, bad debts are smaller and balance sheets reveal liquid positions.

Settlement of the Ruhr crisis probably will occasion a temporary improvement in Continental currencies, including the franc, which temporarily is adversely affected by reports that the Bank of France will make a request for repayment of some portion of the state indebtedness. No great improvement is likely in the franc, however, until the French budget is nearer an equilibrium. The steadiness of sterling in view of our political situation occasions some surprise, but is partly due to our heavy shipments of gold to America. Seasonal requirements suggest the maintenance of moderate steadiness in sterling, but much depends on our political developments. The sound common sense of the nation, and the strength of combined Liberal and Conservative elements if it becomes necessary to suppress the Labor extremists, suggests that present alarms are slightly overdone.

PLANTAGENETS FORM SMART LONDON CLUB FOR THE ROYAL HEIRS

London, Dec. 29.—A movement is now on foot here to form a Plantagenet Club, every member of which must be able to prove his descent from the royal family which for 300 years ruled England.

The legitimate line of the Plantagenet family died out several hundred year ago, so the living members of that family, according to The London Star, are descended from illegitimate children of the medieval monarchs.

It is claimed by Edward Bowers-Taylor, secretary of the club, that there are 100,000 persons in Great Britain to-day with royal blood in their veins. Only 850 of these, it is stated, will be accepted at first in the new club, which is to provide an "inexpensive yet exclusive" centre for its members.

The chosen few will have clubrooms in a fashionable part of London, with all the servants dressed in medieval costume. The organizers, however, have decided that in present effete times some of the more impressive terms of Elizabethan vocabulary would be out of place, so the members will converse with one another just as do ordinary everyday folk.

DAUGHTERS FIGHT ARISTOCRATIC FATHER

Both Lady Cynthia Mosely (left) and Lady Irene Curzon (right) campaigned actively against their father, Marquis Curzon (centre), during the British election. Their action was the outcome of a long-standing family feud.

WAR BILLS FIGURED TO LAST PENNY

London Completes Analysis of Statistics Down to the Very Last Man

OUTLAY IS APPALLING

London, Dec. 29.—Everybody knows that the late and still lamented war was not only the biggest but the costliest war in history. It remained for Great Britain to show how rapidly modern warfare runs into money, so that, for instance, the mere setting of the stage for a single battle may cost upward of $100,000,000.

During the fourteen days from July 17 to July 30, 1917, the British army was getting ready for the third battle of Ypres. Part of this preparation consisted in a thorough bombardment of the German positions, during which the British guns expended 4,283,550 rounds of ammunition. This ammunition cost £22,211,389 14s. 4d., or approximately $107,947,351 at normal exchange, according to "statistics of the military effort of the British Empire during the great war."

This formidable volume, now published with the sanction of the War Office, audits Armageddon and renders a cost accounting of destruction with almost appalling minuteness, as witness the four pence noted in the receipted bill for the preliminary bombardment of Ypres, which is furthermore itemized to show the different varieties and sizes of shell used. They ranged from 1,606 fired by the giant fifteen inch howitzers to 2,239,608 shrapnel and high explosive from the eighteen pounders corresponding to our three inch field gun. Next to these the six inch howlitzers consumed most shell—750,119—and the 4.5 inch gun was a close third with 728,345.

The toal cost of this preparation was greater than that of any other indulged in by the British during the war. But the cost per day had mounted to an even higher level six weeks earlier, when, from May 20 to June 6, they were getting set for the battle of Messines. During a period of eleven days their artillerists expended 3,561,630 rounds at an approximate cost of $85,075,502. This averages $7,734,227 a day, where the longer bombardment at Ypres averaged $7,710,525.

NEARLY $19,000,000 BURNED UP IN DAY

But even Ypres and Messines do not represent the peak load. The heaviest expenditure in any single day by the British armies in France was from noon to noon, September 28-29, 1918, when they pushed off for the final advance in Flanders before the armistice. During these twenty-four hours 943,847 rounds were expended, very nearly twelve shells a second or 729 a minute. The stated approximate cost of the ammunition was $18,813,060, which amounts to $783,878 an hour and $13,064 a minute. Every time a watch ticked off a second that day the equivalent of $217.77, or more than the monthly income of the average family, went up in smoke.

These figures are for artillery ammunition and for France alone, where the estimated strength of the British forces, all ranks and labor units, on November 1, 1918, was 1,966,727 officers and men. And this was only one of several theatres of war in which British land forces were operating. In Italy, on the same date, their number was 83,630; in Salonica, 183,007; in British East Africa, 115,670; in Egypt, 458,246; in Mesopotamia, 408,138, and at Aden 11,461, giving a grand total of 3,226,879 in the expeditionary forces. To this must be added the estimated strength of British and colonial troops at home, 1,603,384, and in India, Burmah and the garrisons of defended ports. This brings the total estimated strength of British land forces ten days before the Armistice to 5,336,943.

To maintain and operate such armies cost correspondingly great sums. The "Statistics" states that for the period from April 1, 1914, to March 31, 1919, five full fiscal years, the army expenditure proper was equivalent to $14,118,249,807, of which $4,008,330,198 was spent in 1918-19 alone. The average yearly expenditure during the period was $2,823,649,981. The army expenditure for the year April 1, 1913, to March 31, 1914, was $137,859,256. So the average war time annual expenditure was 2,048 per cent. of what it had been and during 1918-19 was more than 2,900 per cent. higher.

And the army expenditures was only one of several war cost items. Another table gives the average daily expenditures at different periods for the army, navy, munitions, shipping, etc., as follows:

1916—October 8 to December 9, $27,970,040 daily.

1917—April 1 to May 5, when the Germans retreated to the Hindenburg line and the Arras offensive began, $36,261,020 daily.

1917—November 1, to 1918, January 19, the period of the peak load, $36,532,620 daily.

1918—April 1 to November 9, a stretch of more than eight months $36,172,980 daily.

To provide for these expenditures Parliament granted between August 6, 1914, and November 12, 1918, a series of twenty-five war votes of credit ranging in amount from £37,000,000 to £700,000,000. The grand total of these credits was £8,742,000,000, equivalent to $42,486,420,000 at normal exchange for the sovereign.

Great Britain, like the United States and unlike France, adopted the pay as you go policy and raised by taxation the largest feasible amounts of war revenue. Nevertheless her national debt, which on April 1, 1914, was £707,634,110, had on April 1, 1920, six years later, become £7,835,000,000, equivalent to $34,638,998,225, and an increase of 1,607 per cent.

The total provision of men for the army, all ranks and colors, during the whole war, was 8,654,467, a contribution of man power, according to the "Statistics," second only to France, though the actual figures of the strength of the French armies are not available for comparison. The third largest contribution was made by the United States in sending approximately 2,000,000 men to France in the A.E.F.

3,000,000 CASUALTIES OVER THIRD MAN POWER

The number of casualties among British troops in all theatres of war up to November 11, 1918, is given as 2,084,018, or more than thirty-five per cent. of the total man power employed. Of these 689,246 were killed or died of wounds or disease, the greatest proportion of these mortalities, 561,335, occurring among the forces in France. The wounded numbered 2,035,965.

These figures take no account of the reduction of the number of effectives through such casualties as ordinary illness, and which in several of the theatres were the cause of very heavy "wastage." In France, for example, though the maximum strength at any one time was 5,399,563, requiring heavy replacements.

The operations in Mesopotamia created the heaviest wastage of all. There the maximum strength on any date was 447,531, and the total personnel employed during the operations was 889,702, or all but double, largely because of heavy casualties from sickness, there being only 31,758 battle mortalities, 51,156 wounded and 15,350 missing and prisoners.

Another table gives the approximate number of British casualties from the outbreak of war in 1914 to December 31, 1920, as 908,371 soldiers dead in or through the war, and the number of wounds received as 2,090,212. Of the dead 702,410 were natives of the British Isles, 59,330 were Australians, 56,639 were Canadians and 62,056 were Indian natives.

The variations in the length of the line held by British forces in France and Flanders is given in another table. It ranged from twenty miles in September, 1914, following the retreat from Mons and the first battle of Ypres, to a maximum of 124 miles in February and March of 1918, after which it steadily declined until it measured sixty-four miles at the cessation of hostilities on November 11.

304,000 COURT-MARTIALED MOST CONVICTED

In regard to discipline 304,262 officers and soldiers were tried by court-martial during the war. Of these, 270,927, almost 90 per cent., were convicted.

These courts passed 3,080 death sentences, of which only 346 were carried out, however, three of the culprits being officers, one of them found guilty of murder and the other two of desertion. Desertion, with 266 death penalties inflicted, constituted the chief offence. Murder was second, with thirty-seven death penalties inflicted, and cowardice third, with eighteen cases.

Between December 16, 1914, and August 5, 1918, Great Britain was exposed to forty-eight Zeppelin raids of which twelve included London; fifty-nine airplane raids, of which twenty included London, and to twelve bombardments from the sea by German war vessels.

The airship raids killed 556 and wounded 1,357 persons, and the airplanes killed 857 and wounded 2,058, while the bombardments killed 157 and injured 634. The toal number of casualties from the three causes was 5,611, of whom all but 752 were civilians. The raids and bombardments killed 411 women and 295 children and injured 1,210 women and 772 children.

Another significant measure of the war effort is found in the output of munitions, regarding which the "Statistics" go into minute detail.

From an output of only 245,000 empty and 526,300 filled shell of all calibers in the period from August to December, 1914 the manufacture of gun ammunition was increased to a peak output of 84,167,000 empty and 87,668,053 filled shell during 1917. The total output during the war period

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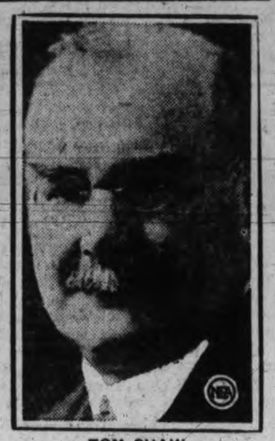
LABOR'S CHOICE



TOM SHAW

Great things are expected of Tom Shaw, who rode into the British Parliament at the recent elections on a Labor ticket. He is reputed a forceful orator and keen observer.

Woman Plans Policies For Cabinet Job

Miss Bondfield Outlines Ideas of Work; Care of Mothers to be Demanded

London, Dec. 29—The first woman to become a Cabinet Minister in the history of this country will be a member of the Government as soon as the Labor Party takes office. She is Miss Margaret Bondfield, easily the most prominent woman in the British Labor movement and one of three women Labor members returned to Parliament in the general election.

Miss Bondfield is slated to be Minister of Health in Macdonald's "shadow Cabinet." The Labor Party is flatly opposed to any disqualifications because of sex in politics, and Miss Bondfield has a clear claim to Cabinet rank in the Labor Government in view of the fact that she is this year president of the general council of the Trades Union Congress, being the first woman to act as president of this important body.

In that capacity she is credited with having settled a devastating strike which paralyzed industry for seven months, beating all attempts at mediation by the best male brains of the country. This was the boilermakers' strike, which held up work in the British shipyards on every type of craft from passenger liners to cargo tramps.

LONG DISPUTE SETTLED

In directly involved 7,000 skilled workers and cost the country at least $50,000,000. Within six weeks after taking office as president of the Trades Union Congress Miss Bondfield succeeded in ending a dispute in which skilled negotiators had failed to accomplish anything for more than half a year.

Fresh from this achievement she went to contest a seat in Northampton in the general elections against C. A. McCurdy, the former aide of Lloyd George and now a Conservative candidate.

"Northampton fought the issue on the whole Labor programme," Miss Bondfield said. "Three points were kept before them all the time—our constructive proposals dealing with unemployment, our financial proposals for reducing the war debt through a capital levy, and our foreign policy proposals. It cannot be said that Northampton was under any misapprehension as to what I stood for; and its answer was fairly decisive."

The answer was decisive, indeed, for Miss Bondfield converted a former Lloyd George majority of 5,000 votes into a Labor plurality of 4,000. The woman Labor leader also stressed the part that women would take in the elections, declaring, whether she was talking about capital levy or the tariff, women were quite as interested as the men.

Dealing with the problems she will have to tackle as Minister of Health, Miss Bondfield said:

"Women are looking to Labor as the only party which will make a serious effort to improve children's chances in life. We want every possible care taken of prospective mothers, and we insist that no infant shall be deprived of medical attention and the nourishment necessary for it to grow up to be healthy and strong.

CHILDREN TO GET CHANCE

"At present children are not properly fed, and large classes in school give neither children or teacher a fair chance. Mothers who are worried because of their children leaving school at an early age and therefore having poor prospects thereafter should rally to the Labor Party."

In this viewpoint Miss Bondfield is borne out to some extent by Lady Astor, who, with her usual independence, charges that "the attitude of hostility on the part of many Conservatives to welfare questions affecting women makes hundreds of thousands of plain, honest women voters feel the Conservatives are a party of reaction, while the other parties are parties of progress," and ascribes the Conservative defeat largely to that.

Miss Bondfield has as women colleagues in Parliament Miss Susan Lawrence and Miss Dorothy Jewson. They are unlike Miss Bondfield in that her career is self-made since she left her country home at Chard, in Somersetshire, to earn her living as a shop girl at the age of thirteen. She is now in the early middle age and has been a lifelong worker in the labor movement.

The two other Laborites are converts to Laborism. Miss Lawrence, who is well known as a member of the London County Council, was a Conservative, but her experience on a sub-committee dealing with wages of charwomen turned her to Labor, and she has been a strong fighter, ever since in the cause of women in industry and politics.

Miss Jewson belongs to a well-known Liberal family, and she also is a Labor convert. Her success is particularly welcome to Miss Bondfield, in view of her assistance to Miss Bondfield in her work as secretary of the women's sections of the National Union of General Workers. There is a possibility that either Miss Lawrence or Miss Jewson may be given minor office when Miss Bondfield assumes Cabinet rank in the Labor administration.

OBJECT TO IMPORTED HOPS

London, December 29.—British hop growers are working together to prevent the importation of hops. It seems 900,000 hundred weight of foreign hops came into the country during the last three years, and if this amount had been grown locally it would have given employment to 16,000 men at 45 shillings a week.

A PAGE ABOUT PEOPLE

Sidelights on Men and Women in the Public Eye

THREE PERSONALITIES IN MEGAN LLOYD GEORGE

Had Curious Theory That She Was Kate Duffy, Dorothy Smith, and Megan Lloyd George

"I DON'T think Megan Lloyd George could have been more than five or six years of age when first I met her," says T. P. O'Connor, in T. P.'s and Cassell's Weekly. But even then she was such a winsome, picturesque, quaint little creature that I have remembered her ever since, and always with affection.

Megan Lloyd George

Her father brought me down for a week-end to a house he had just taken at Brighton. The family had only just got into the house, and its chief servant at the time was a good, but untrained and futile Irish boy, who wore a red flannel, collarless shirt, with a blazing brass stud the neck. They all thought him a treasure! It was a delightful example of the simple tastes of the family and of the man who even at that time was the second figure in the empire.

In the morning there entered into my room a little being who seemed like a sprite from another world, with her chubby little face, with her soft Welsh voice. She was possessed of sparkling, quizzical, searching eyes—the eyes of her father, to whom she bore a most striking resemblance—and she handed me daintily a cup of tea.

She was then a good deal of a dream-child, for she had a curious theory about herself—namely, that she was not one, but three personalities: she was Kate Duffy, an Irish girl, and Dorothy Smith, an English girl, and finally she was Megan Lloyd George.

I entered into this mystic spirit, and asked her whether I would be able to see at tea-time—Kate Duffy and Dorothy Smith, and would Megan Lloyd George also be there?

She answered with the same seriousness, and assured me that I would see all the three young ladies at tea-time. Even then she had something of the quick repartee of her father. Once she paid him back a little loan of money he was supposed to have given her.

"Megan," said the father, "you know our Welsh proverb, that the two bad payers are those who pay too soon and those who pay too late."

"Yes," replied Megan promptly, "but what about the man who pays back?"

I did not see her again till many years afterwards, when I made a speech at a Welsh dinner. She introduced herself to me. There wasn't the smallest necessity, for I recognized again her familiar appearance, and especially those bright, quizzical eyes of hers.

I was delighted the other day when I found that she had lived up to my expectations; for here is an amusing account I find from the correspondent of the Daily Telegraph in New York—my friend, Mr. Bullen:

What does Mr. Lloyd George's daughter think about? Enterprising newspaper reporters have attempted to find out.

Much amused by the blunt intruding personal questions of the typical American newspapermen, Miss Megan made ready but reticent replies, like her father, not telling more than she wanted to.

"What do you want to be?" was one question.

"I haven't decided," was the answer.

"Well, are you going to get married or go into politics? Are you in love with anybody?"

"I am not in love now," declared Miss Megan, "and I may either go into politics or get married—or both."

"Perhaps you have some other sort of career in mind—literature, the stage, the movies, or what?"

"Perhaps I have," said Miss Megan.

"Do you approve of women smoking cigarets?" "I don't know anything about it," was the reply. Then Miss Megan took a turn at questioning her interrogators. "Why do reporters ask such silly questions?" she inquired. The newspapermen were unable to make as ready a reply as she had to their queries.

You see, Megan is a very real chip of the old block, T. P. concludes.

Woman Builds 8 Room House

HERE is Mrs. Hetty Jane Cooper who is putting the finishing touches on the verandah of the house she built himself. It is at Crescent Lawn near Washington. It has taken her four years to build. She sawed every piece of lumber, drove every nail and is proud of her job.

Unsociable Socialist is Ramsey MacDonald, Feels Deeply, but Lacks Little Human Touches

Although Kind and Pleasant to Those Who Ask Favors, He Prefers to Keep to Himself—Wanted to Be a Barrister—Has the Eloquence of Balfour, the Lucidity of Asquith, and Fervor of Lloyd George—Desires Change of Society By Legislative and Not Revolutionary Means.

"THE man who undoubtedly will one day be prime minister of England." This was the way Sir Philip Gibbs described Ramsey MacDonald last February. And now, sooner than Gibbs expected perhaps, his prophecy seems about to be fulfilled.

The young Scottish lad who 42 years ago helped keep himself alive by being a stableboy is thus scheduled to become a prime minister of England. In other words, to a large section of England the end of things seems to be not far away.

"Society," in truth, has little sympathy to hope for from Ramsey MacDonald. He grew up to manhood fighting "Society." Repeatedly, he found the path of his hopes blocked by a supercilious snub. Even when he was still quite a young child he resolved to become a barrister, but for want of what is called "interest" he had to help in stables, to water horses, to run errands. It was useless to display talents that could not be cultivated or aptitudes that could not be exploited by an employer. John Bull, in the dark years of the war, even questioned his right to bear the name of MacDonald, reproducing a birth certificate in an attempt to show that he was registered as Ramsey, an illegitimate child. It was in the little Scottish fishing village of Lossiemouth that he was born 57 years ago. Nobody's parents could have been poorer. But his mother was a cultivated woman. A legacy of ambition and pure English speech uncommon in that neighborhood, she left to her son. Among his richest memories now is his mother's love and encouragement.

Naturally, MacDonald grew to manhood with a firm conviction that society was unjust to the worker. It was in that frame of mind that he launched himself on London at twenty years of age.

His progress was repaid, for he had brains, more than Lloyd George, more than one Tory of prominence has had to admit. Even in the old days, the village dominie had quickly discovered young MacDonald's extraordinary ability and inordinate industry, and prevailed upon the lad's parents to allow him to study for the profession of teaching.

MacDonald, as his critics are fond of reminding him, has never been, in the old accepted sense of the term, a laboring man. He has never labored in the workshop or in the fields. He was a clerk in a London warehouse, studying science in his spare hours. He was a leader writer on a Liberal evening paper. He became private secretary to Mr. Thomas Lough, M.P., making a preliminary acquaintance with parliamentary affairs in this way.

There was no stopping him. He wrote and spoke on socialism in his spare time. He edited a Socialist library, contributing to it a book of his own. Twice at Southampton and Leicester, he went down to defeat, but, once again, in 1906, he raised the Socialist flag again at Leicester, and led the poll.

In a sense MacDonald is a mystery. He might be called the unsociable socialist. Even as a youth he was regarded by his fellow clerks as strange and mysterious. Although he was kind and pleasant to those who asked favors of him, he preferred to keep to himself and never made efforts to make friends.

Through reams of articles on Ramsey MacDonald you can search in vain for concrete human touches. He is the public man of only one anecdote.

Mr. Ramsey MacDonald with his three daughters (left to right), Sheila, Joan and Ishbel.

"If only he had those little touches of humanism about him that have made men like Lloyd George, he would have been a truly great man," David L. Blumenfeld has said, and the single anecdote is told by him.

It was at one of the recent conferences at Downing Street when the French delegates were present. A newspaper reporter, mistaking Mr. MacDonald for M. Phillipe Berthelot, French foreign secretary, approached him and began, in passably good French, to ask him his views on the reparation question.

Ramsey MacDonald stood and gaped at him. Then he gave a shrug and a gruff: "I am not Monsieur Berthelot," and walked away.

"What an opportunity missed!" comments Blumenthal. "Cannot you imagine the fun that a Winston Churchill, or a Birkenhead, would have had with that newspaper man?"

"If there were just that human something" more than one visitor to the gallery has said. "For all other gifts, especially of human appearance, have been lavished upon the Labor leader. "I can recall his appearance in those early days," T. P. O'Connor writes. "A tall, raw-boned young Scotchman with the high cheek bones characteristic of his race; with an immense mass of coal black hair that rose in a mountain from his head; and very fine eyes, dark enough to look almost black; and an expression also typically Scotch in its combination of shrewdness and enthusiasm. Besides, he always dressed well.

That the man does feel deeply is not questioned. Almost in a night his hair turned white and deep lines came in his face. The hand of sorrow had been laid heavy upon him, for in a brief period he lost a child and a wife—a woman of angelic sweetness of character, the niece of Lord Kelvin and closely related to W. E. Gladstone on the paternal side. Early in life the terrible conditions she had witnessed in work among the poor led her to become a socialist and throw in her lot with the Independent Labor party, of which her future husband was the head. She brought him money and perfect comradeship. With his three daughters now remaining, he lives in a colorless, standardized little villa at No. 9 Howitt road, Belsize Park, Hampstead.

This outward lack of friendliness is characteristic even to-day of the man in his relations to his party. He, like Parnell, holds himself aloof from his followers, and they are afraid of him. By sheer intellect and interest he rules them, principally because Ramsey MacDonald is the Labor leader who can address the Commons with the elegance of Balfour's own phrase making, with the lucidity of Asquith, and the fervor of Lloyd George.

After all, he is not perhaps the great Bogey that some parts of England would have us believe. He believes that socialism should be a political rather than a revolutionary movement. He is for the capital levy and gradual state ownership and operation of fundamental industries. But this he makes clear is to be extremely gradual. The socialistic state, in his opinion, can best be accomplished by legislative means. Bolshevism and communism have always met with his opposition by every means. The line of demarcation between Communism and Socialism, to him, is very clear. Under Communism, according to him, the state not only owns the land and its industries but owns the people as well. They are designated for certain work and assigned certain pay, whether they will or not. But under socialism the people are free. They can select their own work. They are no more the slaves of the government than are the present civil servants of the crown.

Perhaps no one quite knows Mr. MacDonald yet. From Lossiemouth recently, by request, he wrote a reply to the question: "Where shall we turn for joy?" "A good walking stick, a pipe and any weather are enough," he said.

And there are those who would question that J. Ramsey MacDonald is not endowed with personality.

W. B. YEATS A NIGHT HAWK KEPT TORONTO HOST UP

Also Forgot His Hair Brush and Pyjamas—Room Looked Like Premier Nitti's Wrecked House

WILLIAM BUTLER YEATS, the Irish poet, who was this year awarded a Nobel prize for literature, is remembered with something almost akin to terror by a Toronto man whom he compelled to keep a very unwelcome vigil. This gentleman was his host at the time of his last visit to Toronto. He expected that after the fatigue of his lecture at Hart House the poet would be ready for slumber, but Yeats proved to be a real Dublin nighthawk. Perhaps it would be more appropriate to call him a nightingale.

W. B. Yeats

Anyway, his lecture had made him thoroughly wide-awake and put him in a wonderful conversational mood. He told literary anecdotes. He chanted his own poems. He crooned Erse sagas. One o'clock struck. Two o'clock struck. Yeats grew fresher than ever, but his host was yawning, hollow-eyed, on his chair. He was not accustomed to late sessions with the muses.

The only thing that kept him awake was a terrible fear that he might fall off his chair and disgrace himself for ever. At last, about four in the morning, either the poet became exhausted or he observed his host's somnolent condition. Anyway, he called the seance off and went to his bedroom.

He must have passed an exceedingly restless night, for in the morning it looked like ex-Premier Nitti's house after the Fascisti had got through with their visit. The bedclothes were strewn everywhere in great confusion. When it was all sorted out it was found that the poet had left behind his hair brush and pajamas and a few other articles indispensable to his toilette.

The host had to send these articles by special delivery to New York, so that Yeats might present his usual immaculate appearance to his next audience. In spite of the honor of entertaining a genius, this Toronto admirer of poetry in future will prefer for domestic comfort one of our more sedate Canadian poets.

Yeats recently received the Nobel prize in person at Stockholm. But Sweden's capital is famous for its night life. It may be that his Swedish host easily beat him in an all-night contest. In Toronto at any rate the poet was an easy winner. His host remembers him not as a nightingale, but as a nighthawk and a nightmare.

Carter Cut Off Escape of Eight Tomb Robbers

Shinning Down a Rope at Midnight Into a Nestful of Cutthroats Is Awkward Pastime

MR. HOWARD CARTER, in his "Tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen" tells wonderful tales of tomb robbers, who have plied their ghastly trade from the time of the Pharaohs till to-day without much variation of method. A few years ago he had an exciting experience with these gentry himself:

Howard Carter

It was midnight when we arrived on the scene, and the guide pointed out to me the end of a rope which dangled sheer down the face of a cliff. Listening, we could hear the robbers actually at work, so I first severed their rope, thereby cutting off their means of escape, and then, making secure a good stout rope of my own, I lowered myself down the cliff.

Shinning down a rope at midnight, into a nestful of industrious tomb-robbers, is a pastime which at least does not lack excitement. There were eight at work, and when I reached the bottom there was an awkward moment or two. I gave them the alternative of clearing out by means of my rope, or else of staying where they were without a rope at all, and eventually they saw reason and departed.

Dog Incident Gives Professor Fine Quip

Occasion Was Novel—Student Was Fearful, Foolish, Then Childish in Turn

PROF. W. J. ALEXANDER of the University of Toronto is greatly beloved by his students. One day several months ago the professor was late in reaching his class-room. In the interval of waiting one of the class, a young man who had a seat near the professorial desk, placed thereon a protesting small dog which had by chance wandered into the room. When the professor arrived, a few minutes later, and beheld the canine occupant, a comical picture of uncertainty and dismay, he was not only angry, but apparently very much hurt. He demanded at once to know who had put the dog in such a place, declaring that whoever had done so was a fool. With flashing eye he asserted that never in his life—and he had been teaching thirty years—had he been so insulted.

Prof. Alexander

He ceased speaking and for a moment there was a stricken silence. Then the young man who had played the prank rose to his feet, and looking the professor fearlessly in the eye, said:

"Professor Alexander, I put that dog on your desk, but I had no thought of offering you any insult."

"Why then did you do it?" demanded the professor.

"To amuse the class," was the retort.

Prof. Alexander's stern expression relaxed somewhat as he said in tones from which the harshness seemed suddenly to have evaporated:

"I retract what I said a minute ago. It was a brave thing to confess as you have done. I see you are not a fool—just childish."

THE SIN ON HER HEAD

APPARENTLY Japanese women are just as keen on pretty things to wear as are English women. Or at all events so it seems, judging from a story that was told to me by Mr. Sessue Hayakawa, the famous film actor.

When in Paris recently with his wife, Tsuri Aoki, the lady treated herself to a new hat—price three hundred francs.

Her husband pretended to be shocked at her extravagance.

"What!" he exclaimed. "Three hundred francs for a hat! Why, it's a sin!"

"Never mind," replied Mrs. Hayakawa, "the sin will be on my head."

There Was Sir John Waiting at the Church When Graham Borrowed His Carriage

THE Hon. George P. Graham, minister of Canals and Railways served his political apprenticeship at Queen's Park. After the defeat of the Ross government he was in the cold shades of opposition but used to find a warm welcome at Government House then presided over by Sir John Gibson.

Once Sir John went to lay a corner stone for a church and took Mr. Graham along with him. When they got there Mr. Graham suddenly thought of an afternoon call which it was important that he should make.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham

"Go ahead," said Sir John and take my carriage. You will be back long before the ceremony is over." In those days it must be remembered the Lieutenant Governor went abroad not in a limousine but in a coach and pair wtih footmen and outriders.

Away jingled George Graham in this resplendent state equipage and left Sir John to lay the corner stone. He was so pleasantly entertained at the house he visited that he forgot all about Sir John. He awoke with a start several hours later when the drawing room began to grow dark in the dusk.

In great perturbation he drove back to the church. The masons had gone. The audience had gone. There was Sir John in the shades of evening waiting at the church and sitting patiently on his own corner stone. He had not dared to walk back through the streets in his robes of office and acquaint the whole world with Mr. Graham's lese-majeste.

His aide-de-camp was speechless with indignation but Sir John took the incident in good part and uttered no word of reproach. He drove Mr. Graham back to government house and on the way did his best to console him. Once there he quickly succeeded for those were the days before prohibition.

SALT-WATER GARGLING

GOOD tales of the sea come naturally to Earl Beatty. One of his best concerns a certain officer of the king's navy who had for many years suffered from chronic sore throat.

At last, while on leave in London, he determined to see a specialist about it, and accordingly paid a visit to Harley street.

The doctor he consulted, being a great believer in simple remedies, asked him if he had ever tried salt-water gargling.

"Well," was the reply, "I've been torpedoed six times."

THE GATES OF GAZA

ADDRESSING a Rotary Club meeting recently, Lord Shaw of Dunfermline recalled a quaintly amusing episode of his boyhood days.

Scripture lessons formed an important part of the education of a little Scots lad in those times, and there was one episode in Biblical history which puzzled him considerably.

Amongst his acquaintances was a grocer named Sampson, and to him the little lad went, intent on seeking a solution of the problem that was agitating his mind.

"I remember yet," said Lord Shaw, "the tinkling of the front door bell as I stalked boldly into his shop. The customers made way for me as I advanced. I was not so high as his counter, but I put my hand up to it, interrupting his business with the demand:

"Please, Mr. Sampson, are you the gentleman who carried away the gates of Gaza on his back, and, if so, will you please tell me how you managed it?"

It is perhaps unnecessary to explain that the youthful questioner had mixed up Mr. Sampson with the Samson of mighty strength.

DESERVED TO GET IN

WITH all eyes on the general election, the following story, told by the veteran Tom Mann, will bear repeating.

It concerns a candidate for a Welsh constituency who, when addressing a meeting of the electors, sought through his speech to discover the prevailing religious tendency of the constituency.

"My great-grandfather," he said, "was an Episcopalian" (stony silence), "but my great-grandmother belonged to the Presbyterian church" (continued silence). "My grandfather was a Baptist" (more silence) "but my grandmother was a Congregationalist" (still frigid silence).

"But I had a great-aunt who was a Wesleyan Methodist" (loud applause), "and—and I have always followed my great-aunt" (loud and prolonged cheering). He got in.

MISS POLA NEGRI says that as far as the films are concerned the secret of beauty is the chin line. Musical comedy producers, however, rely on the shin line.—London Opinion.

Anatole France Retains An Ironical Tongue

French Bernard Shaw Offers to Swap a Seat in the Academy for One in the Chamber

ANATOLE France the French Bernard Shaw, author of "Thais" and other famous novels, still retains his wit even in his seventy-fifth year.

It is as of old a subtle wit with a skilfully hidden barb of irony, like a hook in an innocent looking trout fly.

Recently a French deputy swallowed the hook. He had published a little brochure entitled "Why Germany Should Pay" which he thought a literary masterpiece. Accordingly he went to see Anatole France, who is an Academician, to get him to propose his name for membership in the French Academy.

Anatole France

To understand the audacity and self-assurance of the deputy one must remember that these forty immortals are a very exclusive literary club and have, blackballed some of the most famous names in French literature.

"Your little tract," said Anatole in his most suave manner, is assuredly a literary gem that is worth many billion marks. It certainly entitles you to the immortality of the Academy. I can arrange things for you very easily, but on one simple condition."

The delighted deputy bowed profuse thanks and asked what was the simple condition.

"I will make you an Academician," said Anatole France with great gravity, "on condition that you make me a deputy."

Every one knows how difficult it would be for H. G. Wells or Bernard Shaw to get into parliament in England. But Anatole France has declared his sympathy for Russian communism. He could get to the moon more easily than he could get into the French Chamber.

MUSSOLINI was recently presented with the freedom of the city of Bologna. Very nice, but he'd have probably taken it if they hadn't give it to him.—The Humorist (London).

LADY ASTOR calls her hecklers hyenas. Thus doth the advent of women purify politics.—Columbus Dispatch.

THERE is not a particle of doubt as to what Dr. Cook discovered in Texas.—Chicago Daily News.

ANOTHER TITLED DRESSMAKER

FOR some time past callers at a certain fashionable dress shop in Bond street, London, have been puzzled over the identity of the unusually attractive assistant who sometimes attends to their wants.

Now it transpires that she is Lady Rosamond Gallwey-Robertson, eldest daughter of the Earl and Countess of Carrick.

Lady Rosamond is a skilled designer of dresses, who could compete successfully with most of the better-known dress artists of the day. She has already had business experience, for she was employed for some time in an office in Victoria street. Her liking for dress designing, however, refused to be suppressed, and at last she obtained her parents' consent to fill the post she now occupies.

Words to the Gallon

A CERTAIN man had just bought a car. He took his wife out on a few preliminary expeditions, during which she did not hesitate to criticize her husband's efforts at driving.

"Halloa, old man!" said his next-door neighbor one evening. "I see you've got a little two-seater. What do you get out of her?"

"About forty thousand words to the gallon," answered the other, sadly.—Tit-Bits.

The Cat's Fault

FATHER: "Tommy stop pulling the cat's tail."

Tommy: "I'm only holding the tail; the cat's pulling it."

The Friend of Kropotkin and Tolstoy

Professor James Mavor of Doukhobor Fame Writes Two Huge Volumes in Which He Tells the Story of His Busy Life; Some Amusing Anecdotes

By PROFESSOR W. T. ALLISON

"Grow old along with me, the best is yet to be!" This is a famous utterance and a fitting for the last Saturday in the year, and I fancy it would be the sentiment that would find and echo in the heart of Professor James Mavor of the University of Toronto, whose large two-volume autobiography, "My Windows on the Street of the World," (J. Dent and Sons, Toronto), has just made its appearance. Mr. Mavor was born on December 8, 1854, in Stanraer, in Aberdeenshire, Scotland. For thirty-one years he has taught political economy in Toronto University, but before he came to this country he was a professor in his native land, and in academic work and in artistic and journalistic circles displayed the ferocious energy of the Celt. As we go through these closely packed chapters and follow his busy career in Scotland, in Canada, and in divers lands, for he has been an inveterate traveller during his college vacations, as we read of his friends Tolstoy, Kropotkin, William Morris, Goldwin Smith, Van Horne, and scores of others, as we study his views on dozens of questions dealing with economics, politics, literature and art, we marvel that one long Scottish head could hold all he knows or that one lean body frae Aberdeen can have sustained his restless, energetic spirit. Professors are supposed by most people to lead quiet, secluded lives, rotting like the dull weed by Lethe's wharf, but what a contradiction of that popular delusion is afforded by this record of a crowded existence! Professor Mavor's life is one more striking example of the feverish intensity with which the intellectual Scot drinks life to the lees.

PROFESSOR MAVOR'S UNCONVENTIONAL ATTIRE

It is always an interesting, even if it is a somewhat embarrassing task for a reviewer to discuss a book written by one whom he has seen in the flesh, especially when that person happens to be an old professor whose lectures he has attended. Such is the situation in which I find myself at this moment. Over the tops of these two huge volumes I gaze across the gulf of thirty years to the days when Professor Mavor and myself were in our second year at the University. He was then thirty-nine years of age but he seemed to me, looking at him with the eyes of youth, a fairly old man—alas, how our viewpoint changes as we ourselves grow old!—with an anxious look in his eye, wildish whiskers, an emaciated frame, and a jerky manner of utterance. The only cheerful point about "Jimmie" Mavor, as we were wont to call him, was his dress. For a professor of the dismal science he was very picturesque in his attire. There was even a Bohemian air about his velvet coat, his trousers of loud stripe, and his silky wild beard. We were never quite sure whether he had caught this in Glasgow, when he was editor of the "Art Review," or from the labor colony system of Holland and Belgium, which he had recently investigated. Anyway, there was something decidedly unconventional about him, and the reminiscences in which he occasionally indulged convinced his students that he had had a variegated experience of life.

PAWKY STORIES IN THE BUCHAN TONGUE

But Professor Mavor never revealed in the class room a tithe of the information which is to be found in his autobiography. I am sure we would willingly have exchanged a dozen of his lectures in political economy for the first chapter in which he describes the life and characters of his native village in the fifties and sixties of the last century. It abounds in stories in which the "rich Buchan tongue" is the medium of conversation. This Northern lingo, we are told, is perhaps the purest surviving example of the Northern dialect of the Middle English language. It is noted for its diminutives, such as kirkie for kirk, loonie for loon, pownie for pony, pipie for pipe, etc. Now for a story in which two of these words appear. "The mail-gig between Fraserburgh and Aberdour," says the author, "had a single wide seat upon which at a pinch two passengers might bestow themselves beside the postman. One day I occupied one of these seats. At a farmhouse on the way we picked up a little old lady very neatly dressed in black cashmere and wearing a smart and becoming bonnet. Her features were of the sharp, refined type very usual in the district, and she carried herself with dignity. Had we met elsewhere I might have supposed her to be at least a countess in her own right. This aristocratic lady seated herself with composure between the driver and myself. We had just started when she embarked cheerfully in conversation.

"Old Lady—'That's a fine gyaen pownie ye've gotten, man.'

"Postman—'Aye, Bibby.'

"Then after a brief pause:

"'That's a fine gyaen pipie ye've gotten, man.'

"Postman—'Aye, Bibby, wud ye like a drae?'

"Old Lady—'Aw wud na say.'

"The postman took the pipe out of his mouth and politely handed it to the old lady, who continued to smoke to the end of the journey, to her evident satisfaction, but to the detriment of her conversation, for she relapsed into silence."

RECLINING IN BEELZEBUB'S BOSOM

Jean Robertson was a servant in the Mavor family. "Jean," writes Professor Mavor, "described to us a visit of condolence she had paid to a neighbor who had lost her husband. From an inaccuracy in a scriptural reference occurring during the conversation, I suspect that the neighbor belonged to the Established Church. After some appropriate conversation administered by Jean, the widow said unctuously, wiping her eye with the corner of her handkerchief:

"'Aye, aw ken he's in Baalzebub's bozum.'

"Jean—'Hoot, woman, ye mean Abraham's bozum.'

"Widow—'Weel, weel, hit's yin o' thae fowk onyway'."

A FEATHER FROM PORRIDGE-POT

Here is another Mavor story which illustrates the caustic and sometimes merciless wit of the Aberdonians. "A village girl employed as a domestic on a farm sent with a message to another farm a few miles distant. The farmer's wife, intending to give the girl some refreshment after her long walk, said kindly:

"'Jeannie, wull ye hae a piece?' (The piece she intended was no doubt a slice of home-made bread and jam.)

Jeannie (pertly): "'Na, thank Ye, Aw had a leg o' a turkey jist afore Aw cam awa.'

Farmer's wife: "'So Aw see, Jeannie. Aw notice a fedder o't on yer breest.'

"The girl looked down and saw that a dry mass of porridge had lodged on her shawl. Although Jeannie was caught in a trap of her own contriving, she nevertheless showed very proper pride in the housekeeping of her mistress, and her exaggeration was merely a polite way of intimating that she had no need to go abroad for food."

CAIRD'S ADVENTURE WITH CRAZY STUDENT

In the chapter of Scotland in the seventies there is also a wealth of anecdote. Like many other Scotch boys, James Mavor, who was the son of a minister and belonged to a family of nine, spent several years in business, went to night school, and only after many struggles obtained the wherewithal to enter Glasgow University. His recollections of his college years are extraordinarily interesting. He gives us pen pictures of his professors and of notable visiting lecturers. One of his best stories was related to him by his teacher, the famous philosopher, Edward Caird. "One night," says Prof. Mavor, "Caird was studying late, after everyone in his house had retired; suddenly there was a sharp ring. He went to the door, and found a student whom he recognized. The young man told him that, being in a state of despondency, he was about to commit suicide and that he come to inform Caird of his intention. Caird felt at a loss to know what to do; but recalling that his next door neighbor in the college, John Young, Professor of Natural History, had the degree of Doctor of Medicine, he decided to call him into consultation. Young advised that they should get a cab and take the unfortunate fellow to the lunatic asylum, which was at no great distance from the college. When they arrived at the asylum all was dark. They rang the bell of the residence of Dr. Yellowlees, the director, who was a friend of both professors. Dr. Yellowless put his head out of an upper window and cried, 'Who is there?' Young answered, 'Caird and Young.' Yellowless shouted from the window, 'Which of you is bringing the other?'"

HOW BUDDHA SMASHED A PICTURE

Professor Mavor has much that is illuminating to say of the literary and artistic movements in Scotland in the eighties and of London circles in the same period. His reports of conversations with his friend William Morris are specially interesting. But I pass over these full chapters to record his arrival in Toronto in 1892, and to note that the sudden variations in the Toronto temperature in Wintertime exasperated him perhaps even more than the low level of intellectual life in the Queen City. The following curious experience of the rapid fall in temperature is one of the weirdest stories in his book: "I had decided to take a Japanese print from my portfolio and hang it above my mantelpiece. The print was by Toyo Kuni II; it represented a fierce combat in an arena round which there was a crowd of Samurai and retainers eagerly watching the duellists. The print arrived from the framer, and I proceeded to put it in its place. After I had placed it, I glanced at the total effect. I have an antique bronze Buddha from Tibet, of which I am particularly fond, and am therefore inclined to give it the place of honor in the centre of my mantelpiece—a place it has held, indeed, for more than thirty years. The new arrangement brought this scene of Japanese violence immediately above the Buddha. I fancied that the finger of his right hand (the finger represents 'the teaching Buddha') was raised as if in solemn admonition, and I remarked to him, for I was accustomed to talk to him in familiar fashion, 'I have put this picture above you. If you don't like it, you can let me know.' I sat by a blazing fire, for it was a cold evening. At a late hour I retired. A colleague had rooms below mine, otherwise no one lived in the same college building. About three in the morning I was aroused by what appeared to be the violent smashing of a pane of glass. I sat up in bed; immediately a door opened in the passage below, and I heard the voice of my colleague—Professor Baker, Professor of Mathematics—calling, 'Mavor, are you awake? Someone is breaking into the house.' I answered, rose, lighted a candle, and my colleague and I explored. We found the windows intact; unable to explain the occurrence, we returned to bed. Next morning I discovered that the Buddha had smashed the glass of the newly-framed picture. He had evidently adopted this method of making me aware that he disapproved of scenes of violency. I have told the story as it occurred; if anyone is inclined to offer a materialistic explanation of the phenomenon, I have give all the relevant data. I refuse to spoil the story myself."

I find I have almost exhausted my space without saying a word about Professor Mavor's intimate connection with the Doukhobor immigration, his subsequent travels in Russia, where he visited Count Tolstoy at Yasmaya Polyana, his close friendship with Prince Kropotkin, his travels in China, Japan, the United States, and Western Canada, and biographical essays on his friends, Sir William Van Horne, Celestin Rousseau and Professor Goldwin Smith. While Professor Mavor's egotism is sometimes too pronounced, it must be said that he has a good right to be proud of himself and his achievements. But the greatest thing he has ever done is the writing of this book. As a social and biographical document, it is undoubtedly the ablest and most cosmopolitan work of the kind ever produced in this country.

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RAMBLES ROUND VICTORIA

OUR SCENERY AND ITS HISTORY

By ROBERT CONNELL

XVI.

We have already travelled the Island Highway as far as the C.N.R. crossing; let me ask your company a little further. To our right is the deep cutting of the C.N.R., just below the E. & N. It gives a striking section of the dark highly altered volcanic rocks. To our left is the north end of Esquimalt Harbor with its tidal flats used as oyster beds. The little island with a number of brick buildings is Cole Island, used as a magazine since the days of the Crimean War, when the first naval hospital was erected on Duntze Head at the harbor entrance. The Millstream is crossed by Parson's Bridge and is here quite an imposing looking stream with lofty grassy banks. A little further along on the left is a limestone quarry and kiln in active operation, the lime being burnt in a steel furnace. The rock is excavated on the face of the overhanging hill and is quickly and expeditiously transferred to the kiln. Small dykes of diorite cut the metamorphic limestone, and at these contacts some mineralization frequently occurs. Assays have shown copper and magnetic iron in small quantities. The road passes upwards for a mile and then near the Four-Mile House a signpost points the way to Belmont. Following this for a short distance we pass through a gate on the left, and near an extensive piece of cultivated land we see across on the left signs of quarrying. Following a faint pathway we are soon descending into a long cut in the limestone traversed by a narrow gauge railway. As we go down we can see a dyke of volcanic rock which cuts the limestone irregularly, and in the quarry below it stands out with pieces of the invaded rock still adhering to it. The contacts are sometimes sharply angular and at other times rounded; in one place the limestone has yielded as if in a soft and plastic condition, closely folded and bent under the strain. The most striking thing, however, is the conspicuous banding of the limestone, black and white alternating. The bands are only a few inches wide and dip to the Northeast at an angle of seventy degrees, so that the structure is not far from vertical. Passing along the railway we enter a wide quarry where, however, the rock is of the normal type, a grey to whitish marble. The railway may be followed down to its point of origin at the Belmont Limekilns on the west side of Esquimalt Harbor, an extensive and long-established plant. Near by may be seen the quarry from which a large quantity of rubble was taken for the Ogden Point Breakwater. The rock is a much-altered andesite of the Vancouver volcanics. If, however, we return to the Island Highway I should like to call your attention to the very fine view from the Belmont Road of the Victoria district with its timbered valleys and upstanding hills and the Haro Straits and San Juan Island in the distance. If the day is clear Mount Baker meets the clouds beyond.

THE COLWOOD DELTA

The beautiful Colwood Golf Links lie on our right. Once this was Victoria's favorite place for recreation, racing in Summer, skating in the Winter. Few places have required so little in the way of beautification at the hand of man to constitute a parklike expanse. Most of the links lies on the Colwood delta, where at the close of the last glacial epoch a great river coming down from the West by way of Goldstream deposited its burden of sand, gravel and boulders. The construction of the river dump we shall see when we reach the gravel pits. Meanwhile we notice the effect of this gravelly plain upon the vegetation evidenced in short grass and comparatively light forest. The trees often show strange growths where isolated. Huge branches attain the magnitude of trees and sometimes turn upwards in self-determination. Underneath are to be found the plants of dry gravelly soils, noticeably the coral-root orchids which redden the ground in early Summer. Small swampy hollows occasionally occur with their attendant rushes. I rarely walk this road without noticing the running accompaniment to one's progress furnished by the faint twittering of tiny birds such as the chickadee, though the authors themselves are hard to see.

KETTLEHOLES AND RIVER BEDS

We have left the Island Highway and also parted company with the Metchosin Road, keeping to the left. In a former paper I have told of the "kettleholes" which mark the Colwood plain, one of which is quite close to the road on the left as we approach the gravel pits. The depression, clothed wtih short grass, is twenty feet deep and about 100 feet long. Across the road in the woods, if we have time to stay, are three or four much deeper ones, one containing a small tarn in the bottom. These depressions have been caused by the burial in the deposits of large pieces of ice whose subsequent melting caused the falling in of the overlying mass. But now let us stand on the edge (or near it) of the large gravel pits rapidly eating their way back to the main road. Yet not too near, for notice how a few feet back an ominous crack parallels the edge of the pits. Along this the next fall will take place as the gravel and sand below are removed. It will be seen that the gravel pit section shows a sharp division between two kinds of deposit, different not in their composition, but in their attitude. The lower, comprising by far the greater part of the section, lies in sloping beds that dip towards the sea at an angle of about twenty degrees. These beds make up a thickness of over 200 feet and they are composed of sand and gravel with small boulders. The rocks represented in them are almost entirely basalts of the Metchosin series with some Leech River slates. There can be no doubt they represent in part that immense thickness of volcanic rock which once overlay the rocks of the present Goldstream and Leech River Valley, whence the old Colwood River flowed. Above these tilted beds are about twenty feet of horizontal deposits of similar nature. What is the reason for this change of position? It is due to the conditions under which a river deposits its load of eroded and suspended matter. Naturally the heaviest matter is dropped first when the river's velocity is slackened either by diminution of grade or by the counterbalance of sea or lake waters. In addition as it builds its delta or "dump" the successive edges lie at an angle which will enable the material to stand up, so to speak. But as the dump edges parallel in their slope, extend, so there are spread out on top shallow horizontal beds comprising such material as comes to rest before the edge is reached. These latter are known as "topset" beds, while the sloping ones are the "foreset" beds. It is impossible, I think, to stand here at the Albert Head Road corner and look at these deposits understandingly without some sense of wonder being aroused at the prodigious changes which have preceded man's occupation of this part of the world.

"O earth, what changes hast thou seen!
There, where the long street roars, hath been
The stillness of the central sea.
The hills are shadows, and they flow
From form to form, and nothing stands;
They melt like mist, the solid lands,
Like clouds they shape themselves and go."

The Colwood delta slopes rapidly down to the little lagoon on the north side of Albert Head, small streams draining it and passing into the calm protected waters. Beyond rise the basaltic rocks with a covering of drift. The history of these I have already told and described their nature. Tide permitting we could return along the beach past the gravel pits and watch the interesting work of hydraulic excavation. A little less than a mile would bring us to the outskirts of the Esquimalt lagoon. Here a great semicircle has been cut out by erosion of tides and waves, and the redeposition of some of the finer material in the form of a long sandbar has by enclosure formed this large lagoon, a mile long and three-eighths of a mile wide. At its head below the steeper slopes stands the beautiful residence of Mrs. Dunsmuir, Hatley Park, with its surrounding offices. The lagoon deserves indeed a separate chapter to itself, so full is it of interesting matter. A road at its Western end leads us back to the main highway.

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or,
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John Curbstone is a young bachelor clubman of great wealth. He is a man of culture, being a graduate of Harvard University. (In all these stories Harvard is the best place to graduate them from. It sounds far better than the Minnesota Agricultural College.) He is a keep sportsman because this enables him to wear the right kind of breeches for the illustrator to use—shaped like a ham at the hips and tight at the knee. All Harvard graduates wear them. He plays polo, golf and bridge, would drink brandy and soda if he could get it, and has one of those clean-shaven aristocratic faces seen only in a democratic country.

He lives,—with a butler who doesn't count and some servants who don't come into the story—in a large sandstone house on Riverside Drive. This family residence had belonged to Curbstone's father before him, which shows that his family is an old one. Indeed, the Curbstones have lived on that street for thirty years, which gives young Curbstone a sense of noblesse oblige towards the whole district up to 125th Street.

The scene is now laid.

LITTER IN THE JIMMY'S WAKE

Returning home late one night from his club (he never leaves his club till it shuts), John realizes that his house has been burglarized. In the dining-room the sideboard has been rudely broken open, apparently with a jimmy. A glass still reeking with ginger ale rests on the top of it; an open bottle, evidently opened with a jimmy, is near it.

In the corner of the room the iron safe has been forced, most likely with a jimmy. There is a litter of bonds and family jewelry on the floor. It is clear that the burglar has been interrupted at his work. It is likely that he is still on the premises.

John Curbstone stands motionless in the centre of the room listening. There is absolute silence. There is no sound in the still house but the ticking of a clock.

Then as Curbstone listens intently his ear just catches a faint sound from behind the closed door of a cupboard. The burglar must be there hidden behind the door! Curbstone draws his revolver from his hip (it was the revolver that he had used that night for playing poker), and levels it full at the cupboard.

WHAT THEN APPEARS

"I shall count three," he announced in clear, even tones, "and if you are not out of that cupboard then, I shall fire through the door." Curbstone counted, still in clear, even tones, "one, two,"—but just as he was going to say three, an agitated voice exclaimed, "Oh, please don't shoot," the cupboard door opened and there stepped out into the room,—

A girl! Just think of it, a girl! And what makes it worse, only a mere slip of a girl! If it had been a big one,—you know, one of those great big fine-looking ones it would not have been so bad. But this one is only a slip!

She came forward towards John Curbstone, her large blue eyes distracted with apprehension. She was in evening dress with a light peignoir, or baignoire or boudoir, thrown about her shoulders. "Please don't shoot," she repeated (at this point in the story the illustrator gets in his work and doesn't have to read any further).

Curbstone lowered his revolver.

WHAT IS RUINING STORIES

"So," he said, sternly, "you are a thief." The girl shuddered into herself. The word seemed to sting her. She didn't mind breaking open Curbstone's safe, but when she was called

"I'm not a thief," she panted.

"I'm not a thief," she painted.

There! Let us leave her a little panting while I talk about her. I have seen that girl come out of that cupboard and similar places so often. I know that just as soon as the man in the story opens the cupboard door, or draws aside a curtain, out comes "a slip of a girl." He hears a noise in the attic. What is there? A girl. He hears some one in the cellar. Who is it? A girl. Who did it? A girl, a mere child!

Now what I say is that this kind of thing is ruining our best stories. In the one I have just outlined when the cupboard door opened Curbstone ought to have been confronted with something worth while,—a burglar—a real one, with short-cropped hair under a low cap, with a dark lantern in one hand and a jimmy in the other. Then when Curbstone said sternly, "So you are a thief," the burglar could answer, "I sure am."

HOW IT WOULD END

Or better still the door might open, and three burglars come out, or even four, in short a cupboardful of burglars. Even if it has to be a girl, why make her a "slip?" Why not let it read "There stepped out of the cupboard a great big girl about six feet high and at least seventeen inches around the neck"?

In any such case the adventure and excitement of the story could continue. There could be a tremendous fight,—in which let us hope, they might have killed Curbstone and sent him back to his club dead and so put him out of literature for ever.

But it is understood that a man, or at least a Harvard graduate, must not use force against a slip of a girl. So in default of a decent ending the story has to run off into slush.

Ending it up is quite simple: it would probably be done somewhat as follows:

"I'm not a thief," she repeated.

She looked at him for a minute, proudly, defiantly; for she came of an old family just as proud as his. Her people had had the same Summer cottage in the Adirondacks for six years running.

A POSER FOR JOHN

John Curbstone looked at the girl calmly. "Miss Chetwynde," he said, "if you are not a thief, will you kindly tell me why you tried to rob my safe?" When he calls her "Miss Chetwynde" this is meant as an indication to the reader that Curbstone knows her.

"Oh, how can I explain?" exclaimed the girl, wringing her hands. "You wouldn't understand! You couldn't understand! I wanted the money so much! There is so much to do with money, so much suffering to alleviate! And you, with your great wealth you do nothing! Ask yourself," she continued, her voice thrilled with earnestness, "what do you do for social service, for sanitation, for reforestation, for the girl guides, for the boy scouts—"

John Curbstone hung his head with a groan. "Nothing," he said.

"This afternoon," the girl went on, "I came to your office. I asked you for a hundred thousand dollars for the Metropolitan Police picnic, and you refused!"

THE SILENT MOMENT

"Miss Chetwynde," said Curbstone in the same clear even tones that he had used earlier, "I did not refuse. I asked you to marry me. It was you who did me the honor of refusal."

"It maddened me," the girl went on, and I determined to take your money, yes, **take** it, and give it to the Police. If that is stealing I don't care. Then I came here to rob you. The Police themselves lent me the jimmy! Oh, it was madness, madness,—"

She paused. They were both silent for a moment. Then Curbstone reached out and took her by the hand.

"Miss Chetwynde—Alice," he said, "don't you think we have both been a little wrong—"

She lobked up timidly. "A little, John dear," she murmured.

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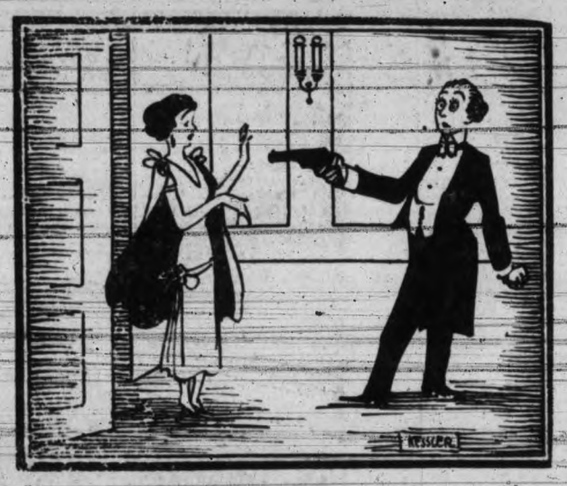

"Please don't shoot," she repeated.

ASSISTING EARTHQUAKE SUFFERERS.—Relief agencies supplying supplies to earthquake sufferers in Tokio.

GARDENS AND WILD FLOWERS

By ROBERT CONNELL

THE VALERIANS

In gardens and especially old-fashioned ones the Red Valerian, a plant about two feet high, with smooth and rather mealy-looking stems, is frequently met with. Mediterranean in origin it has long been naturalized in Great Britain whence it was moved Westward. It belongs to a remarkably interesting family and is itself possessed of a link with the past, for its seeds in olden days were used in the process of embalming, and it is said that when an old burial-cloth of the Twelfth Century was opened early in last century, some Valerian seeds were found inside, which on being planted grew. Austrian valerian roots are gathered near the snow line in the mountains and after many vicissitudes reach the wealthy Asiatics, who value their perfumes in bathing. Valerian of an Indian hill species is the nard and spikenard of the Bible and eastern writers. The Great Wild Valerian, Valeriana officinalis, is a valued member of the medicinal plant order, and its virtues have been long enough known to have won for it the old English name of All-Heal. The root is the valuable part. It contains a volatile oil in the proportion of about one-half to one per cent. The oil possesses a pungent taste and disagreeable odor. Valerian root is used as a carminative, a stimulant to the circulation, and an antispasmodic. The plants are grown from the young wild plants which develop at the end of runners. These are transplanted and liberally fertilized. The tops are cut off in September and October, but previously blossoming is severely restrained in order to encourage root growth. After the removal of the tops the roots are dug up, sliced, thoroughly washed and stove-dried. The dried root is about twenty-five per cent. of the green. In 1918 Japanese valerian was selling in Great Britain at fifty dollars a ton. About ten tons are used annually there, of which only one ton is locally grown, principally if not altogether in Derbyshire. I am indebted to Dr. Ellis's "Medicinal Herbs" for this information. The Sitka Valerian grows on this Island, but I have not been fortunate enough to see it.

THE VALERIANELLAS

Resembling the Valerians but of smaller growth are the Valerianellas. Of these four are reported as being found on Vancouver Island and a fifth is an introduced species. The commonest is also the most charming, Valerianella congesta, Sea Blush. Every open grassy place among the rocks is rosy with its massed blossoms in the Spring and early Summer. The square stems are mint-like and this fact together with the opposite leaves rather suggests a mint. The characteristic odor, pleasant or unpleasant, is absent, and the flowers while alike in some respects differ in the stamens, which in the Valerianella are always less in number than the corolla lobes. In addition there is a curious feature of the fruit: it contains only one seed, the other two cells being empty. Another species found in the shadier places and woodlands is V. samolifolia, the primrose-leaved Valerianella, so named from its wider leaves, expanding towards the apex. The flowers are quite pale in color. A less common form is V. macrocera, the Longhorned Valerianella, which is sometimes found with the Sea Blush. The Valerianellas are sometimes called Corn Salads, an old English name for two British forms. These were cultivated as salads. Another popular name is Lamb's Lettuce. Sea Blush would make a delightful garden flower.

THE STATICES

Another pink flower very common in the neighborhood of our rocky shores is the Thrift, Statice armeria. It is a universally distributed plant, at any rate in the northern hemisphere. Two habitats belong to it, the seashore and mountain tops. Its generic name is derived from a Greek word meaning "to cause to stand" or "to stop," and has reference to supposed healing properties. Its specific name is derived from the French "armoire," a cupboard, and probably has some similar significance. Thrift contains iodine and soda when it grows near the sea, but when found on mountains the two salts are replaced by potash. It is a beautiful plant with its rounded heads of pink flowers mixed with thin brown membranes or scales rising from a solitary stalk. At Captain Troup's, on Esquimalt Road, the walks are very effectively bordered with it. Thrift is of course of the same family as the odd-looking purple and yellow statices which have been brought to the fore by florists of late years. This Sea Lavender is valued for its everlasting properties which are common though in unequal degrees to other members. Like Thrift they are seashore or salt marsh plants, and when removed from the sea lose their marine salts. To the dull purple of their flowers I suppose they owe their old-fashioned name of Plumbago or Leadwort, which has given its name to the whole family. The juices of some species of Statice are so acrid as to blister the flesh

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The provincial secretary wishes to take this means of thanking the many scouters and troops in this district and the Province generally for the Christmas and New Year greetings and to wish them all good hunting in the New Year.

The enrolments for the scoutmasters' training course are coming in very satisfactorily, and it has been decided to keep the list open in order to form an extra patro lfor training. Wednesday seems to be the most suitable evening for everybody, and the course will probably start on January 9 or 16. Any men wishing to take the course, which deals with the elementary organization and training of a scout troop, should apply to G. H. Scarrett, 957 Mears Street, at once.

Will all scouters whose troops or packs have done special Christmas good turns please report same to the district commissioner before the next executive meeting.

Although the camping season for most troops will not commence before Easter, still it is desirable that patrols should send in their entries for the Okell camping trophy as soon as possible. In this way they will be sure of having all their nights in camp counted, and should they be tempted by a fine week-end will avoid the disappointment of finding that same cannot be scored owing to their not having previously entered for the competition. This trophy, presented by Major Okell, brought very good results last year, and we hope the number of patrols in the forefront this year will be even greater and the competition quite as keen as it was in 1923.

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THE MYSTERIOUS WAYS OF WANG FOO

By SIDNEY C. PARTRIDGE

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The Flowers of Heaven

"IT looks very much to me as if it might be the beginning of a plot like the old Muldoon days, when they wanted to get rid of the whole lot of us at once," remarked Captain Walbridge of the Winchester Buffs, as he joined the little group of smokers on the verandah of the Hong Kong Hotel, pushing his bamboo armchair close to the railing to catch what little breeze might be coming in from the harbor.

"The old Muldoon days—I really don't believe I've heard of them," said Colonel Oliver Hopkins, the newly arrived American Consul. "Sit down where it's cool there, Captain, and spin us the yarn from beginning to end."

"Well, it isn't really much of a yarn," began the old officer, as he slowly drew his well-colored meerschaum out of his pocket and proceeded to fill it with his favorite mixture, "but it was just ticklish and exciting enough to make us jump around here very lively for a few days, and make some of us wonder whether we were ever going to see Old England again."

"A mutiny, was it? Or an insurrection in the Colony, or what?"

"Worse than a mutiny, gentlemen—or even a native riot, for we could have handled either of them with the garrison—it was a devilish plot to kill us all off by putting poison in the reservoir!"

"Poison in the reservoir! You don't mean it—"

"I certainly do; and let me tell you that if it hadn't been for old Muldoon, who was then inspector of police—a mighty smart and sharp old chap, that—there wouldn't be any of us old residents a-sitting around here telling the tale now."

"Let's hear it! Let's hear it!" arose from half a dozen voices, and so the Captain, striking a spark from his old pocket flint (he never under any circumstances used a match), blew a whiff or two from his pipe and told again the story of what was known as "The Poison Plot of the 70's." The gist of this was that a house boy, who had been discharged from one of the hongs on Queen's Road, and who felt that he had been brutally treated, made up his mind to take revenge, not only on his master and employers, but actually on the whole English community, by pouring poison into the supply pipe of the new reservoir on the Peak, which was much smaller then than it is now. Fortunately, his threats to "finish every foreign devil on the Island" were overheard by a chair coolie, who saw him shaking his firsts at midnight in front of his master's house, and being repeated by the coolie at a neighboring teahouse reached the ears of the police. Inspector Muldoon had the man carefully watched, and finally caught him himself in the very act of pouring into the supply pipe a jar of the most deadly poison, which had been stolen from the storeroom of the Municipal Hospital.

Now the immediate cause of Captain Walbridge's alarm was an article in the Daily News, which he had just finished reading when he entered the hotel. It ran as follows:

MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF TWO HOUSE BOYS

We regret to have to chronicle the death of two of the Colony's oldest and most faithful servants, Ah Sam and Koo Ling, first and second boys of the Bradley & Co.'s tea-hong. They will be greatly missed not only by everyone in their employers' hong, but by a large number of residents to whom their faces had become familiar and whom they had served in various ways. A strange circumstance connected with their decease is that while they were both apparently in perfect health on Monday, they were suddenly stricken at about seven o'clock on Tuesday morning, and died in convulsions at almost exactly noon. It seems, beyond a question, to have been a case of virulent poisoning. As they died in the native village, just outside the municipal limits, where they had been visiting their aged parents, superstition and prejudice of the family made it impossible to call in a European physician, and, of course, no post-mortem examination could be held.

While it is possible that the poison may have been taken by themselves accidentally, yet Mr. Bradley, the senior member of the firm, is very strongly of the opinion that it was administered to them in some way by a discharged chair coolie, who held them accountable for his dismissal, and who had cursed them and threatened them a few days before. We understand that the police have a good description of this man and that the Colony is being thoroughly searched for him. Inspector Higgins is quite confident of having him in custody before long.

"That's it, the servant first and the master next, as the old saying goes. If we let them begin with poisoning the head boys and killing off the rest of the establishment, it won't be long—you mark my words—before they'll try it on us, and then—"

"But you don't really believe they would go as far as that?" interrupted the Consul. "I have always understood that they shrank with peculiar horror from taking a European life. Looked upon it as entirely a different thing from murdering a fellow native, don't you know? But here comes the very man who can tell us all about it" (rising to greet a tall and dignified looking Chinese gentleman who was approaching the party). "How about that, Mr. Wang? We were just speaking about that poisoning of the Bradley house boys, and our old friend, the Captain here, seems to fear that if they are beginning to take revenge on the native staffs, it won't be long before they'll proceed to include the European also. He quotes the old English saying, 'The servant first and the master next.'"

"Yes, very true, provided you were living in Europe, but as a matter of fact—plain and very evident fact, gentlemen"—(pointing to a rabble of coolies in the street below)—"you are not in Europe, but in Asia, and Western proverbs, like the Ten Commandments, of which Kipling sings, fail to hold good this side of Suez. Being in what your children smillingly call 'the land of topsy-turveydom,' you must in this, as in so many other cases, reverse your normal order of procedure. See that young mandarin and his servant just entering the hong across the way? Mark carefully who is going first! I ask you is it the servant or the master? Look, gentlemen, and answer me!"

"Why, of course the master is going first!" they all answered in chorus as they rose and leaned on the balcony.

"Quite so! And the servant is following, is he not?"

"He most surely is."

"And have you ever seen them going in any other order since you came to Hong Kong? How about that, Captain Walbridge; you are one of our oldest residents?"

"Well, I don't really suppose I have," drawled out the old officer.

"No; I am quite sure you haven't; and what is more, you never will, for that is one of the things that changeth not in this land of inflexible traditions," replied Wang Foo, the Man of Mystery, known throughout the entire Colony as the wonderful harmonizer of international troubles and the happy adjuster of interracial difficulties. "So, gentlemen, you may put your minds at perfect ease," he continued, waving his long and slender hands over them in a gesture of assurance, "neither you nor your families need have any fear that the poisoners—if such they really be—will endanger your lives in the slightest degree, because what begins with the servant stops with the servant, and never proceeds on to the master. My people will never violate this order, for to do so would be to invoke the curses of the sages."

"But supposing that they had poisoned their master first? What then? Would the servants all follow as a matter of course?" enquired the Consul.

"Ah!" replied the Chinese visitor, his face lighting up with a smile, "that is what we used to call (in my old student days in England) a hypothesis; I might even quote my old tutor's phrase, a 'hypothesis contrary to reality.' My people do not deal in that sort of thing at all—in fact, they do not even know what the article it. No, no, gentlemen, old China is a land of very stern realities; hypotheses belong to the minds that are west of Suez, and with this sentiment I must bid you all good-afternoon."

Lady Beacham's Thursday afternoon teas were deservedly popular, not only throughout the length and breadth of the Island of Hong Kong, but up and down all the China coast, from Shanghai to Singapore. Her hearty welcome and gracious hospitality to all guests at Government House, in which her handsome husband, Sir Evington, always most cordially joined her, made everyone feel at ease from the moment of their arrival. It was this that greatly relieved the mind of Virginia Davidson, when Mrs. Hopkins, the wife of the American Consul, escorted her and her mother, Mrs. Davidson, for the first time to the British official residence. She had heard so much, in her far-away American home, of the very stiff formality and the rigid etiquette of the entertainments of English nobility, that she was quite in a flutter when she knew that she was actually to be personally received by a real "lord" and "lady," and never having had the good fortune to cross the Atlantic she had had no opportunity to reassure herself on this point. It needed but one grasp of Lady Beacham's hand and one genuine warm word of welcome from herself and the Governor to make the mother and daughter feel perfectly at home, and so to help them to forget the thousands of miles of long and dreary ocean that rolled between them and their native land.

"It was most kind of you to bring the Davidsons with you," said Lady Beacham to Mrs. Hopkins, "and I want the pleasure of introducing to them our new young surgeon, Dr. Reginald Glover, who has just come out to the Colony for a five-year stay."

Now whether it really was a case of "love at first sight," as Mrs. Buffington-Breese, wife of the navigating lieutenant of H.M.S. Cordelia, whispered behind her feather fan to Mrs. Hopkins, the fact remains that after a rather long stroll through the beautiful gardens of Government House, Dr. Glover insisted on walking beside Miss Davidson's sedan chair all the way back to the porch of the hotel, and there and then begged her to name the very first afternoon on which she and her mother would accept an invitation to a boat trip around the harbor.

"You'll excuse me now, won't you?" he stammered out, with that embarrassment of speech so characteristic of the cultured young Englishman when he first meets an unusually attractive American girl, "I must really hurry back for a most important appointment at—"

"At where?" innocently asked Mrs. Davidson, without the slightest thought of being obtrusively personal or inquisitive.

"At rather a strange place, you'll think. As a matter of fact, I'm wanted at Police Headquarters!"

"At Police Headquarters!" exclaimed both the ladies. "Why, what in the world—"

"Fortunately his threats to 'finish every foreign devil on the island' were overheard by a chair-coolie, who saw him shaking his fist at, and right in front of his masters house—"

"Oh, I'm not under arrest," blushed the young surgeon; "not quite as bad as that yet, I assure you. It's only that the inspector wants to consult me about a mysterious poisoning case he has on his hands."

"A poisoning case? Oh, how dreadful. We hope the person hasn't died—"

"Yes, I'm sorry to say they've both died already."

"And you won't run any risk by going there, will you?"

"Risk!" smiled the surgeon, "bless your hear, no, no!" and bidding them good-evening, he jumped into a waiting jinricksha and rattled down the long stretch of Queen's Road toward headquarters. He thought he was quite himself as he stepped lightly to the inspector's office; he still thought he was quite his old unchanged self after the examination, even when he reached the hospital half-way up the sloping hill and sat down in his quiet little study to read the latest letters and the journals from home, but he was mistaken. No, Dr. Glover of the Governor's staff of Hong Kong was no longer his old self, and he never would be his old self again. Something had happened that had turned the course of his life and started him on the career of his new and better self—for a gentle voice, a voice that he had never heard until that day, had spoken to him and said, "You wont run any risk? Will you?"

At No. 5-5-5 in the Red Cloud Alley, just far enough away from the roar and bustle of the native settlement of Hong Kong (or "Fragrant Waters") to secure that peace and quiet which his thoughtful yet ever-busy mind required, Wang Foo, the great detective reclined on his bamboo couch. "Pao-Jih-Cha-Lak-Tien-Sing!" (Pour the hot tea and bring a morsel of food) he said to The Venerable Old One, as bowing low before her august master, the faithful servant of so many years repiled, "Ta-Jin-Swo-Tek-How" (The great man speaketh well). He sipped the refreshing draft which was placed on the tray before him, and taking down from the shelf the brass water-pipe with its curious stem of cloisonne, lighted the long fuse of paper and began filling the tiny bowl with the fragrant nicotine of Foo Chow Foo.

Blowing a whiff or two upwards towards the carved ceiling of "The Glade of Quiet Reflection," (as he named his little second-story den) he took the little tobacco bowl out of its socket in the pipe, and after depositing the ashes in the copper receptacle, began to tap-tap-tap a little tune on the rim of the metal. "So they think Ting Loy is the culprit, do they?" he repeated to himself. "Well, perhaps he is and perhaps he isn't." Reaching over to the table he took from it the two copies of the morning paper (English and Chinese) and began to read over and over again slowly exactly what they had published. "Well, after all, there are only three things against him. First, the Bradleys discharged him for intoxication and general worthlessness. He claims, of course, that the two house-boys influenced their master to do this, but there is no likelihood of this, as a hong servant doesn't ask for the discharge of a coolie when he has not personally hired him—that is not the Chinese way. They may have rebuked him, but that would only be in the way that an older servant is always privileged to speak to a younger. 'The old may rebuke the young' is part of the teaching of the sages. Second, he was overheard cursing them in the street the following night. But any man will do that when under the influence of sam-shu—he probably cursed the whole native staff from the compradore to the ma-foo. Third, he ran away and hid himself, apparently to escape the hands of the law. The foreigner always takes this as the confession of a guilty conscience, but we know it really means nothing, for he is most likely only sleeping off the effects of a debauch in some optum-den down by the lower harbor. We shall certainly find him around there in a day or two and he will insist not only on his innocence but on his ignorance of the whole transaction."

Bang! Bang! Bang! Three loud knocks on the outer gate of the little court-yard interrupted the further mediations of the master. Old Chang laid aside his chop-sticks and hastened to draw back the bolts. "Yao-Hwui - Sing! Yae - Hwui - Sing!" shrieked the police-messenger as he pushed the chit-book with a formidable looking document into the gate-keeper's hands (We want an answer! We want an answer!). Wang Foo received the letter at the head of the stairs and bidding the Venerable Old One prepare the tea and pipes for the messenger and jin-rik-sha coolie, closed the door and sat down to peruse the contents. It was, as he had correctly surmised, a notice from Inspector Higgins that Ting Loy, the prisoner, had been found by the native detectives and was now lodged in a cell at Headquarters. Would Mr. Wang do him the favor to come down and talk the case over in the morning?

The master crossed over to a cabinet, by the wall and pressing a secret button drew out a handsome box of European stationery. Taking out of a velvet case a delicate chased gold pen, he adjusted his horn-rimmed spectacles and wrote as follows:

"It will give pleasure to wait upon you at ten o'clock to-morrow morning, and to talk over more fully the supposed case of poisoning. In the meantime it would be wise to keep the prisoner Ting Loy in solitary confinement and not to allow anyone to communicate with him.

Faithfully, as always,
"Yours in the cause of justice and truth,

"Wang Foo."

The Venerable Old One delivered the chit-book to old Chang, who sweeping the dominoes back into his sleeve from the chair where he and the messenger had begun their game, arose and passed it over to his guest. The weary jin-rik-sha coolie, who had fallen asleep between the shafts, was promptly shaken to his feet and the return journey to Headquarters was begun.

Promptly at the appointed hour the following morning the Man of Mystery appeared at the Inspector's office and was greeted by Deputy Brownlow in the absence of the Chief. "The top o' the morning to you, Mr. Wang," he said in his fine old Irish accent, "the Boss will be here in a minute. Please take off your hat, Sir, and have a seat."

"I shall be delighted to take a seat, Mr. Brownlow," replied the ever-courteous guest, "but as to taking off my hat, I'm afraid you will have to excuse me, for a Chinese never does that in the presence of his superior officer, you know."

"Quite true, quite true! Dear me, I ought to have been in this country long enough to know that. Just the force of habit, Sir, that's all."

"Where did you find the prisoner last night?"

"Oh, down in a native sailor's joint near the end of the breakwater—but here's the man that got him, he'll tell you himself. "Addressing the Chinese constable who had just entered in answer to the summoning bell, "No. 2, tell Mr. Wang where you fellows caught the coolie last night."

The constable began, after a very ceremonious bow to both the officers,

"More better you talkee pidgin, s-pose two piecee man can understand," interruptsd Mr. Wang, out of courtesy to the Deputy.

"All lightee, my tinkee so fashion can do," and plunging into that curious nursery jargon through which the two races communicate popularly with each other in the Orient, the constable proceeded to relate the story of the search for the coolie and of his eventual arrest in the waterside joint. At this point Inspector Higgins arrived, and after greeting Wang Foo and lighting his favorite Manila cheroot began: "As usual, I suppose, he is entirely innocent, and claims an absolute ignorance of the whole performance, doesn't he?"

"He swears he can prove an alibi, sir," replied the deputy.

"Well, we'll give him all the chance he wants to do that next week when the case comes up before the Crown advocate. In the meantime, Mr. Wang, you and I can compare notes about the case as far as it has gone, if you have a quiet hour at your disposal—"

"Always at the disposal of your good self and the department, you know." And so the two detectors of crime sat down and went over the case from beginning to end. All the conclusion they could reach, however, was simply this: The two house boys had unquestionably been poisoned, and the testimony of Dr. Glover, who had made all the investigation that was possible under the circumstances, was that it must have been administered to them within a very short time of the hour (seven o'clock in the morning) when they were taken ill. Suspicion naturally centered upon Ting Loy from the fact that he had been dismissed and had cursed them for what the Chinese call "upsetting his rice bowl," i. e., taking away his means of livelihood. The problem then was simply this: (1) To prove that he had in some way obtained a virulent poison. (2) To show that he had, directly or indirectly, conveyed it to the two victims before seven o'clock on the morning of their decease.

"You say, Mr. Inspector, that the case will come up next week?"

"That is the notice I have from His Honor the advocate, Mr. Wang."

"Very well, I shall need about four or five days for my private investigation—perhaps less—at any rate I will communicate with you in ample time."

And so, bidding the English officer a courteous good-morning, Wang Foo passed out into the roadway, and hailing the first jinriksha said to the coolie: "Hung-Yuin-Gai-Kwai-Tik-Yik-Kok" (Quickly to the Red Cloud Alley—one bite, i. e., one small piece bitten off a dollar, or ten cents). The Celestial beast of burden, recognizing the tone of authority, did not stop for the usual haggling, but picked up the slender shafts and started off on a run for the great detective's home.

"And how do you like Hong Kong, now that you've seen a little of it?" inquired Dr. Glover of Miss Davidson and her mother, as the swiftly gliding government launch shot past the wharves and out into the center of the shipping; "don't you think the harbor beautiful?"

"One of the most beautiful in the world, they tell me—in fact, the Consul, who has been a very great traveler, says that the only one that really surpasses it is the harbor of Rio," answered the mother.

"Not such a bad lot, after all, then, for a chap to pass five years in, is it? And yet my friends at home thought I was coming out to the Cannibal Islands or some awful lonely place like that, don't you know? By the way, there's a lovely view of the Peak and Happy Valley, isn't it?" The words were hardly out of his mouth when a shriek from the lowdah (or Chinese pilot) caused them to look upward, and they saw a native boat-woman on an approaching junk attempting to throw a long bamboo boathook right over their heads and grapple the rail of a steamer. "Tong-sing! Tong-sing!" (Take care! Take care!) cried the lowdah, but he was too late, for the current was swifter than the woman realized and, missing the rail, she lost her hold on the pole and it came crashing down right on the stern of the launch, and unfortunately struck with fuull force on Miss Davidson's right arm and shoulder!

Stunned by the blow and the pain, the young lady fainted away, and would have fallen from the wicker chair on to the deck had not the doctor sprung instantly forward and, catching her in his arms, laid her on the little cushioned bench, and begun dashing cold water into her face.

"My child! My precious child!" cried the almost frantic mother.

"Thank God it was her shoulder and not her head!" said the doctor, as he called to the excited and screaming lowdah: "Chop, chop! Go back home side! Velly chop chop!" The wheel was swung hard round, and the puffing launch headed back for the landing stage at full speed.

"To the hotel as quick as you can!" said Mrs. Davidson to the chair coolies as they carried her daughter up the steps of the wharf.

"Hotel nonsense!" broke in Dr. Glover, without realizing the force of his words; "to the Government Hospital, and chop chop on your lives—this is a serious case and we can't fool with it in any hotel." Then turning to Mrs. Davidson, and assisting her into another chair, he added: "You will go right along with us, and our best European room will do for you both."

So ended the first launch trip of the American ladies on the harbor of Fragrant Waters, and so—quite unexpectedly—they extended their stay in the Colony, and by the special courtesy of Sir Evlngton Beacham they found themselves the guests of the British Government in the beautiful new hospital at the foot of the Peak.

"Do you know what I am thinking of?" asked the fair patient a week later, as the nurse wheeled her couch out onto the verandah and she looked out over the peaceful waters of the harbor.

"No," answered her mother; "what is it, my child?"

"Why, I'm thinking of what Dr. Glover said that afternoon on the launch, you remember. 'This is not such a bad place after all!'"

Three days had passed—three days of patient investigation and equally patient and careful reflection on the part of Wang Foo, and yet he had not arrived at a satisfactory conclusion. He had visited the house boys' home, and in the disguise of an aged soothsayer had found out all that he could from the parents and the ancient aunt, the only relatives living on the place. They assured him that the house doors had all been closed early on that Monday night, and that no one had been near the boys or their room. Not a trace had been seen or heard of anyone answering to the description of Ting Loy. They had all eaten identically the same evening meal, so that if there had been any tampering with the food or drink they would all have been poisoned alike—that, at least, was perfectly clear. One only possible chance remained, viz, if they had really taken poison, they must have brought it with them to their parents' house! He resolved to follow up that last and very slender clue.

Going to a trunk in the corner of the den, he took from it a set of ancient garments, and placing in his sleeve a beard and cue of gray, he sallied forth into the darkness, and once more sought the scene of the tragedy.

"Lao-Mai - Chiu - Yak - Chang - Ni-Fah-Tsai" (The purchaser of second-hand medicines will make you rich)! he cried, as he knocked at the door of the house. "Koo-Koo-Jiu-Han-Siang-Ta-Kwa-Yak-Wan," responded the old aunt as she produced a box of native pills which she had taken from the girdle of the fated Ah Sam. (Alas! I have only a half box of the Great Transformation Pills.) A bargain was quickly struck, and hastening back to the Red Cloud Alley, he laid the new-found treasure upon the table, and securely bolting the door proceeded to carefully open the box and read the label. This is what it said:

"The most potent medicine in all the world! The Great Transformation Pills. A dose of ten pills will begin their effect within a day—fifty pills within an hour."

"It is nothing," he said to himself, with a feeling of intense disappointment, as he rolled the white globules out upon the table; "just a mere harmless tonic, like the 'Fragrant Pills of Immortality' and a thousand other panaceas that are sold by the medicine shops to my credulous people. However, we may as well have them analyzed."

The report of the government chemist a few days later was brief and to the point, viz: The pills contain nothing but flour-paste, sugar and peppermint! "Exactly as I supposed," he muttered, as he poured the remaining pills back from the foreign bottle of the chemist into the native box, "there is no clue here." But the clue was there, and he saw it the moment he picked up from the floor the cover of the box which he had dropped there! What was it?

"Our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Wang Foo, desires to make an important statement, which he thinks will make the trial of this case unnecessary," remarked Sir Gilbert Mozely, Crown Advocate, in the courtroom a few days later. All eyes were turned upon the Chinese gentleman as he arose and said:

"Your Honor, this is not a case of poisoning at all, but a simple case of death from fright on the part of two very imaginative—I may say superstitious—persons. There has been no murder, and I desire in the most emphatic way to reassure you and the public on that score.

"There is absolutely no case against the prisoner, Ting Loy, for even if his alibi is doubted there is no evidence whatever that he was near the home of the victims at that time. He should be released at once.

"The secret of this unfortunate tragedy lies in this little box cover which I hold in my hand. The contents of this box, which I procured from the family of Ah Sam, were harmless native globules, supposed to be wonderful and magical tonics for restoring vitality, but pronounced by your government chemist to contain nothing but flour-paste, sugar and peppermint, and thus to be absolutely harmless.

"The label on this box contains the large Chinese characters TA KWA, which mean 'Great Transformation,' but when a single black line—as I now show you on this chart—is drawn across the top of these characters it changes their meaning to 'Flowers of Heaven,' and 'Flowers of Heaven' is the popular name of the most dreaded of all diseases—the most fatal among my people—namely, smallpox!

"Your surgeon, Dr. Glover, will testify to the fact that dread of a disease, and especially the thought that a patient has contracted it, is quite enough in some cases to produce paroxysms of fright, and possibly convulsions and eventually death. Missionary physicians who have been long residents in China will testify that my people are particularly liable to this. Now the simple fact is that Ah Sam, the Bradleys' No. 1 boy, feeling a little indisposed and going to his parents' home for the night, stopped on the way at a native medicine shop and purchased a box of these tonic pills. He and his brother, Koo Ling, evidently took, each of them, a large dose of these during the night. The dim light in the native house prevented their seeing the label distinctly, and they evidently did not notice the words 'Flowers of Heaven' until the morning.

"One point more: there lingers, I regret to say it, a curious belief among certain natives that the germs of deadly diseases can be communicated by medicines that bear their names. Our two house boys were evidently under this sad delusion, and when in the daylight they read the fatal words, the horror of the thought brought on their sickness and their death."

"But who could have drawn that fatal black line and changed the meaning of the characters?" inquired the advocate.

"Perhaps some silly drug clerk did it for a joke—who knows? Did not the sages say: 'To trifle with a sacred sign is to tempt the wrath of heaven'?"

And this explains the reason why, on that wonderful day when Miss Virginia Davidson promised to change her name to Mrs. Glover and tarry a little longer in Hong Kong, she also decided to change the name of the little picture she was painting from "The Flowers of Heaven" to "The Children of the Sky."

NEWS AND NOTES OF THE CHURCHES

MISSION AT ST. ANDREW'S

A mission will be preached in St. Andrew's Cathedral by Rev. John Knox, S.J., during the week commencing January 6. Father Knox, who is an old Victoria boy, has become well known throughout Eastern Canada as a forcible and popular preacher, and many of his friends here will appreciate the opportunity of hearing him in his home town.

Father Knox was a prominent figure in the Canadian chaplain service during the Great War. He joined the army in 1915, and was present at all the earlier activities of the Canadian Corps in France. Invalided home in 1916, he was sent to Branmshott, where his hut became famous. He held the rank of major, and received the Order of the British Empire in recognition of his services.

CAROL SERVICE

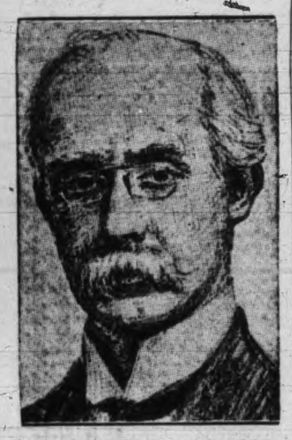
As many of those who formed a part of the crowded congregation of St. John's Church last Sunday have asked for a repetition of the carol service, it will be given again next Sunday evening with a few changes, omitting some numbers and adding others not then sung.

The following vocal and organ numbers will be given:

"The Manger Throne" ..... Steggell
"Stars All Bright" ..... M.S.S.
"Saviour of All" .....
..... M.S.S. arranged from Brahms
"Pastorale" (Sixteenth Century) ..
..... Couperin
Quartette and chorus — "When Christ Was Born" .....
"See Amid the Winter's Snow" ...
Miss Moore and Mr. Roberts
"Pastoral"—Organ .....
Carol Song ..... M.S.S.
Anthem—"There Were Shepherds" ..... M.S.S.
Solo, Miss Wise
"Christmas in Sicily" ..... Alles Yon
"While Shepherds Watched" (Old English Carol) ..... M.S.S.
"Holy Night" ..... Gruber
"March of the Magi," Varley Roberts

SYLVESTER EVE SERVICES

Divine service will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Princess Avenue and Chambers Street on Sylvester Eve, beginning at 7.30. The preacher for this last service in the old year will be the pastor, Rev. R. F. Kibler. The beautiful Christmas decorations will be kept up for this service.



FAMOUS PREACHER DEAD.—Rev. Henry Jowett, one of the world's best known Congregational churchmen, is dead in Surrey, England. He was known equally well on either side of the Atlantic. In New York he drew great crowds to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, of which he was pastor until he was urged to return to England during the war to aid in keeping up the morale of the nation. His London church was Westminster Chapel.

JAP WRESTLER WINS

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Taro Miyaki, Japanese heavyweight wrestling champion, last night defeated Reginald Siki, the Senegalese, in two straight falls, taking the first in 15 minutes and 16 seconds, and the second in 16.02. Miyaki meets Ed Lewis, world's catch-as-catch-can champion, here next Tuesday night in a match in which jiu-jitsu holds will be employed.

St. Andrew's
Presbyterian Church
Cor. Douglas and Broughton Streets
Rev. W. Leslie Clay, D.D., Minister
DECEMBER 30, 1923
11 a.m., "Attacking the Impossible"
Solo and Chorus, "Oh Thou That Tellest Good Tidings"...Handel
2.30—Sunday School and Bible Class
7.30 p.m., "The Help of the Past, the Assurance for the Future."
Anthem, "There Were Shepherds" ..... Burch
Solo, "The Star of Bethlehem" ..... Adams
Mrs. Longfield

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EPISCOPAL SPLIT HAS ECHO IN ALL DENOMINATIONS

Religion Thought to be on Eve of Second Protestant Reformation

Virgin Birth and Resurrection Denied by Prominent Pastors

New York, Dec. 29—Is religion on the eve of a second Protestant Reformation?

Or is the row between the Modernists and Fundamentalists of the Episcopal Church a tempest in a tea-pot that may soon be forgotten?

Millions of church-goers of all creeds are wondering, for it has been nearly 400 years since so clear-cut an issue has cropped up in an organized church.

When it did, it led to a revolt that split the Catholic Church and gave birth to Protestantism.

What will it bring about now?

Where John Luther and John Calvin once stood as heads of the Modernist Movement of the sixteenth century, now stands a group of liberal preachers headed by the Rev. Drs. Leighton Parks, Percy Stickney Grant, William N. Guthrie and Bishop William Lawrence.

And foremost of the Fundamentalists, opposing the Modernists, stands Bishop William T. Mannings of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of New York.

Between them has arisen a series of issues that bear a marked resemblance to the issues that brought on the first Protestant Reformation. They involve various interpretations of the Bible, and the prerogatives of higher church dignitaries to act as spokesman in defining these interpretations.

CHARGED WITH HERESY

These issues have been smoldering for a long time. But a sermon of the Rev. Lee W. Heaton, rector of a Fort Worth, Tex., church and the action of his Bishop charging him with heresy, has kindled them into a flame that is spreading across the whole country.

In his preachment on "What Is Truth," Mr. Heaton said:

"There are those who cling with unquestioning minds to the doctrine of the Virgin birth as a statement of physical fact, while others who have been moved to analyze it have discovered in it new spiritual truths.

"There are those among us who believe that Jesus was in all things both God and man; the incarnation of God and the son of Joseph. This is my own opinion."

For expressing such views, charges of heresy were brought against Rev. Heaton, and he is now awaiting trial before an ecclesiastic court.

It was not the first time the Virgin birth doctrine had been flouted.

The Rev. Walter Russell Bowie, rector of Grace Church of New York has taken practically the same view as the Rev. Heaton. And Bishop Lawrence of Massachusetts has been called the centre of the Modernist group on account of his views.

The Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant denounced the view many times. In a sermon last January he said that Jesus did not possess equal powers with God; that His miracles can be explained by science; that consecration of churches is a custom inherited from the age of witchcraft; that the clergy is a suppressed, chained profession, whose members speak their minds outside the pulpit, never in it.

Bishop Manning at that time served an ultimatum that Grant must recant, resign, and hinted at a trial for heresy. But Dr. Grant didn't resign or recant; and Bishop Manning never had him brought to trial for heresy.

DEFIED THE BISHOPS

But when the charges against Heaton were actually brought, a storm of protest arose from the ranks of the Modernists. This gathered momentum when a "pastoral letter" was sent out by the House of Bishops, insisting on the belief in the bodily resurrection and the Virgin birth of Christ.

The storm broke when the Rev. Dr. Leighton Parks, for twenty years rector of St. Bartholomew's, one of the richest and most conservative churches in New York, doffed his vestments, denounced the Virgin birth, and defied the bishops to bring him to trial for heresy.

It was almost revolutionary for this preacher, ordained an Episcopal minister forty-five years ago, and pastor of one of the most conservative and staple churches, to denounce his superiors who, he thinks, are trying to command what all members of the church shall believe.

The public had become accustomed to hearing Dr. Grant denounce the bishops and defend the scholarship of those who dissent from the doctrine of the Virgin birth.

But it hardly expected it of Dr. Parks.

PROTESTING ARTICLES

The whole liberal group seems at tuned for a struggle.

They put it all up to Bishop Manning and the others of the Fundamentalists.

The controversy in the Episcopal Church is having its reflexes in other religious circles.

Vigorous opposition is being developed in the Presbyterian Church against the adoption of five articles of faith demanded by its Fundamentalists who scored a victory over the Modernists at the General Assembly last May. Ministers all over the country are said to be preparing a protest against the assertion that these five articles are essentials of the church doctrine. These doctrines affirm: "That it is the essential doctrine of the church that the Holy Spirit inspired the writers of the Bible to keep from error; that Jesus Christ was born of the Virgin Mary; that He offered himself as a sacrifice to atone for the sins of His followers; that He arose from the dead with the same body in which He suffered, and that He showed His divine power by working miracles."

And the controversy is spreading farther.

One Jewish church recently was split in twain when one of its rabbis disputed too liberal an interpretation of the Bible. As a result of the cleaving, he went out and founded a new religious centre.

Members of the Methodist circles have taken cognizance of the uprising in the Episcopal church, and are either criticizing or upholding the Modernists.

Some Modernists among the Episcopals say that a movement similar to theirs is growing among all faiths including the Catholic.

LEADERS IN RELIGIOUS CONTROVERSY

Top, left to right—Bishop William T. Manning and Rev. Leighton Parks. Bottom—Bishop William Lawrence, Dr. Percy Stickney Grant and Rev. Lee H. Heaton.

THEOSOPHY AND NEW YEAR

A public meeting of the Victoria Theosophical Society will be held in the rooms 101 Union Bank Building, on Sunday evening at eight o'clock. An address on the New Year will be given and discussed under the title "The New Year—Cycles in Time," a theosophical interpretation of time and its significance. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

There will be a watch night service at the Church of Our Lord, Reformed Episcopal, on Monday night, commencing at 11.15. A bright service will be held, with music and a special address, and everyone attending will be cordially welcome

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Corner Yates and Quadra Rev. W. P. Freeman, B.A., Pastor
11 a.m., "MAKING TIME OUR SERVANT," a New Year Message.
2.30 p.m., Sunday School.
7.30 p.m., "LIVING FROM THE CHIN UP." Which part of the body is in control, above the chin or below it?
ALL ARE INVITED THE PASTOR WILL PREACH

SACRED CONCERT

At the sacred recital to be given at the First Congregational Church tomorrow evening some of the Christmas music sung last Sunday evening will be repeated including the carols. The soloists for the evening will be Mrs. A. W. Stokes, soprano; Miss Ethel Edwards, contralto, and N. H. Collins, tenor. Miss Winifred M. Scowcroft will preside at the organ. The programme follows:

Organ—Shepherd's Tale.....Gillette
Miss Scowcroft
Carols .....
The Moon Looks Down on Bethlehem
Where Is the King?
Anthem—Bright and Best .....
..... Dudley Buck
The Choir
Recit. .....
Then Shall the Eyes of the Blind
Air—He Shall Feed His Flock .....
..... Messiah
Miss Edwards
Air—Come Unto Him ..... Messiah
Mrs. Stokes
Organ—Song d'Amour .....
..... Wilfred Sanderson
Miss Scowcroft
Solo—Song of Praise ..... Guablier
Mr. Collins
Anthem—God So Loved the World
..... Stainer
Chorus—And the Glory of the Lord
..... Messiah

BAXTER'S REFORMED LITURGY

By a Victoria Church Correspondent

The Very Rev. Dr. Weldon, the Dean of Durham, contributed an interesting article to "The Guardian" of June 29 last, on an important, though frequently forgotten incident of ecclesiastical history. Actuated thereto by recent suggestions of alterations and modifications in the Book of Common Prayer, with an alternative order for the administration of the Lord's Supper, the learned Dean recalls the effort of the Conference of Savoy, held in 1661, under the declaration of King Charles II. with a view to the establishing of peace between the Episcopal and Presbyterian parties in the Church of England. That conference sought to review and reform the Liturgy and to add thereto "new forms drawn up in Scripture phrase, suited to the several parts of worship that men might use which of them they pleased." Those "new forms," as the Dean points out, were chiefly the work of Dr. Richard Baxter, the Apostle of Kidderminster. The Reformed Liturgy was not designed to be a substitute for the Book of Common Prayer, but simply an alternative that might be used at the discretion of the officiating minister.

The closing sentence of Dr. Weldon's article is worthy of being pondered to-day by all who love the Church of Christ and seek some means for the expression of her essential unity. It is as follows:

"If the effort of the Savoy Conference, above referred to, had been welcomed or accepted, instead of being scouted by the Bishops, it would not improbably have averted the secession of 1662; if it had enabled the 2,000 clergymen who were evicted from their benefices on the fatal St. Bartholomew's Day to remain within the Church, the Church would have been a National Church in a sense in which she has never been national during the last two centuries and a half; for the use of an alternative liturgy would or might have confirmed the great majority of English Christians in their allegiance to the Church, and it would or might have prevented the breach which has been rather widened than narrowed since 1662, between the spiritual life of the Church and the spiritual life of the nation as a whole."

Times Sunday School Lesson

BY REV. GEO. C. PIDGEON, D.D.

A CHOSEN LEADER AND A CHOSEN LAND

Genesis xii. 1, to xxv. 10

1. Abraham in history stands for personal relations with a living God. No description is given of how God came to him; all we know is that God came into Abraham's life as One who desired trust and obedience from him and promised him blessing. Abraham accepted God's will as the guide of his life and staked everything on God's fidelity. Soon it became clear that the new faith needed a new environment, and Abraham was called to go to the land of Canaan and was promised that land for an inheritance. When he was called to go to this land, he obeyed, and he went out not knowing whither he went. (Hebrews xi 8.) But the God who had called him accompanied him, guiding him at every turn, and fulfiling at every point the promise given. The central lesson of Abraham's life is the possibility of a walk with God. God is interested in each person and has a purpose to fulfil through him. He will come to use and guide us step by step to the realization of all that He has planned in us, if, by the obedience of faith, we give Him the opportunity.

2. The second crisis in Abraham's life came in the choice between God and Mammon. This decision was reached in the difficulty with Lot, his nephew. Their flocks and herds grew so great that they needed wider pastures and could no longer live together. Abraham was the leader; the right of choice was his. Yet, without a thought of self, he asked Lot to select the district he preferred, and Lot chose the rich plain Sodom, leaving Abraham the poorer districts above. (Genesis xiv 1-13.) Lot disregarded the character of the place with a single eye to its wealth and in so doing ruined his family; Abraham followed the generous impulses of his own heart and in so doing received a new expression of God's favor and became the father with him. (Genesis xv and xvii.) of all the faithful in every age. (Genesis xiv 14-18.) People often think that life's great decisions are between right and wrong. Here Abraham would have been quite within his rights as leader of the band in taking the first choice, but following his own higher instincts he found God's way and God's blessing. Choices between right and wrong are easy; it is the choice between right and right that perplexes and is so liable to lead us astray. At every point in life we need God's leading, because in every alternative His will lies in one direction only, and our future depends on finding it.

3. The third stage in Abraham's spiritual history was reached when God entered into covenant relations with him. Genesis xv and xvii.) There were two stages in the forming of the covenant. The first (chapter xv) was reached after a great act of faith on Abraham's part. He was childless; the fulfilment of God's promises required a son. God promised what seemed naturally impossible, but "Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness." (Genesis xv 6.) Abraham's faith here meant that he continued to build his life and hopes on the foundation of God's promises; every practical detail was governed by the consideration of God's faithfulness. He commited his life to God so unreservedly that the course he followed could have meaning and could reach its end only by God's fulfilment of His promise.

Then Abraham found that when he accepted God's word, God would pledge Himself to him. In those ancient days with their unsettled conditions, men sought contracts or covenants that would hold. They entered into them with the most solemn ceremonies. One form of making a covenant was to slay the victim for sacrifice, divide the carcase, and pass one after the other between the divided pieces. In this way they set forth in symbol the fact that they died to the old relationship and entered the new. When Abraham asked God for some sign whereby he might be assured of the truth of the divine promise, God moved him to use this old form. The victims were slain and the parts divided; then in the thick darkness of the night Abraham fell into a deep sleep and saw in vision the presence of God like a glowing lamp passing between the divided pieces—the assurance in the forms of the time of God's eternal fidelity. (Genesis xv 8-18.) Later on he received the covenant of circumcision by which he and his race were pledged to God forever. (Genesis xvii.) God does commit Himself to men. If we follow Him and depend upon Him, He will prove true. His fidelity is like His own everlasting laws, found in the constitution of nature and immutable from age to age. When we accept His will as the guide of life, the outcome is His responsibility and He cannot fail.

4. The severest test of Abraham's faith came in the temptation to offer Isaac as a sacrifice to God. (Genesis xxii.) People have often expressed their amazement that Abraham could ever have imagined that God wanted him to sacrifice his son, but this is to judge an ancient age by the standards of modern Christianity. On every side people were then sacrificing their children to their gods. Discoveries of the ruins of cities of that age have laid bare many grim proofs of the prevalence of that horrible custom then and for long ages after. As Abraham saw his neighbors giving up their sons in sacrifice to their idols, the thought must often have come to him—could I surrender my son to the living God, who has loved me and done so much for me? Well, one day the dread summons came. Abraham believed that God desired his son at his hands. To hear the command was to obey it, and he proceeded without flinching to execute the divine decree. How God would fulfil His covenant in that event Abraham could not see, but he left that for God to settle. It was the uttermost surrender of faith. Trust and obedience never reached a loftier height. Then, in the very act of sacrifice, God intervened and saved the life of the child he had given. And because in the obedience of faith Abraham had gone to the uttermost limit, God pronounced on him and his seed a richer blessing than ever.

In the light of the times, the surprising thing is not that Abraham felt called to ascrifice his son; it is that Jehovah refused the offering. God is humane and desires the humane in religion. His is a worship of righteousness and mercy, and Abraham's experience revealed a God with the light of love on His face. There is no doubt that in later ages this story was one of the great influences against child-sacrifice and everything cruel in religion. But the first blessing of that revelation came to Abraham with his limitless faith and devotion. He was fitted to be the father of all who believe, for his own life from beginning to end was governed by confidence in the Unseen.

Faith puts us in line with God's purposes. Faith gives God the opportunity to work out His designs through us. It is the great hypothesis; we go forward in the assurance of God's truth and in so doing put ourselves in the way of God's fulfilment of His promises. Men of faith like Hudson Taylor and George Muller found that often they had to cling to their faith in the darkness; everything seemed against them, but they held fast their trust in God. If they had given up when difficulty appeared, they would have lost the blessing; by being steadfast to the end they, and those whom they represented, inherited the promises.

Note—Excellent helps may be found in Dr. Alex. White's "Bible Characters," the first three volumes of which cover this period; the first four volumes of Hasting's "Greater Men and Women of the Bible"; Geo. Matheson's "Representative Men of the Bible," and T. E. Miller's "Portraits of Men in the Old Testament."

Bernard Shaw True to Vegetarian Faith

InSpite of All Temptations He Doesn't Eat Steaks—Admirers Feared He Had Deserted "Ferocious" Cult

London, Dec. 29. — George Bernard Shaw long has had the reputation of being a vegetarian, but recently rumors have been flying around London that he has been a backslider from the faith. He has even been quoted in a morning newspaper here as saying: "If I feel that I can enjoy an underdone steak I have it."

This jarred the worshippers at the Shavian shrine and one inhabitant of Hampstead, which has become the home of London highbrows, wrote mournfully: "For fifteen years I have been a vegetarian, eating neither flesh, fish, fowl nor good red herring. I have withstood the jibes of my carnivorous friends without wincing and many times at social functions I have starved for my principles. This is a tragedy to me after all these years of self denial."

This letter so moved Mr. Shaw that he promptly wrote a denial, declaring: "Mr. Shaw may keep his vegetarian flag flying without feeling lonely. I am not an apostle. The beefsteak story is a simple straightforward lie."

Recently in a speech before the Vegetarian Society here, Mr. Shaw said: "Many people have the idea that vegetarians are effiminate and gentle, but they are the most ferocious people in the country."

NEW THOUGHT TEMPLE
935 PANDORA AVENUE
Dr. T. W. Butler will speak at 11 a.m.
Subject, "A NEW BEGINNING"
7.30 p.m.,
"The Angel Asleep in the Marble"
Wednesday Evening, "Magnetic Heading" Study and Demonstration.
All Are Invited

UNITY CENTRE, 600 Campbell Bldg
Children's Service, 11 a.m. H. E. Hallwright, Superintendent
Evening Service, 7.30 o'clock. Speaker, Mrs. Gordon Grant. Subject, "THE OTHER WISE MAN." Mrs. Lindsay Hole will sing "Royal Babe in Rest So Lowly." Barcarolle.
Wednesday, 8 p.m., Sunday School Anniversary. Wednesday, 3 p.m., Rest and Healing Hour
Prosperity Silence at 12 noon every day except Saturday. Office Hours, 2 to 4

ANGLICAN

ST. JOHN'S, Quadra Street. Services: 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon; 2.30 p.m. Sunday School. 7.30 p.m., Evening Prayer and Carol Service. New Year's Day, 10.30 a.m., Holy Communion.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL — First Sunday after Christmas. Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Matins and Sermon, 11 a.m., preacher, the Dean; Children's service, 2.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 7 p.m., preacher, the Dean; Sunday School, 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 2.30 p.m. Monday (watch night service), Holy Communion, 11.15 p.m. Tuesday (New Year's Day), Holy Communion, 8 a.m. and 10.30 a.m., Very Rev. C. S. Quainton, D.D., dean and rector.

BAPTIST

EMMANUEL — Corner of High School grounds. Fernwood car (No. 2) stops at church door. Pastor, Rev. William Stevenson. 11 a.m., "The Christian Life in Retrospect." 7.30 p.m., "Great Events of the Past Year." Special music; anthems, Christmas carols; solos. Strangers welcome.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST—Corner Chambers Street and Pandora Avenue. Services: Sundays, 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Subject for Sunday, December 30, "Christian Science." Testimonial meetings, Wednesday evenings, at 8 o'clock. Visitors are welcome to the services and to the Reading Room and Lending Library, 615 Sayward Building.

LUTHERAN

GRACE ENGLISH, Blanshard and Queen's. Services 10.30 and 7.30. Bible School, 11.45. Luther League, 6.30.

ST. PAUL'S—Princess Avenue and Chambers. Subject, 11, "The Christmas Blessing." Sunday School 2.30. Services Sylvester Eve.

METHODIST

JAMES BAY—the Church of the Community—corner Menzies and Michigan. Pastor, Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A., D.D. Phone 5785R. Sunday, December 30: 11 a.m., "Shadows." 2.30 p.m., Sabbath School. 7.30 p.m., "Star Wagons."

HAMPSHIRE ROAD AND BELMONT—Rev. Wm. Elliott at Belmont at 11 a.m. and Hampshire Road at 7.30. Rev. W. C. Frank at Hampshire Road at 11 a.m. and Oaklands 7.30.

GARDEN CITY, 11 a.m., "Empty Hands." 8 p.m., Rev. Anderson, Saskatchewan. Lake Hill, 7 p.m., "Retrospect and Foresight." Watchnight, 8-10 Monday. Rev. Dr. Daly.

PRESBYTERIAN

GORGE—Tillicum Road. Sunday morning service, 11 o'clock. The Pastor will preach. There's a hearty welcome for all. There will be no prayer meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 1. The Rev. Daniel Walker, minister.

ERSKINE, Harriet Road. Sunday evening service, 7 o'clock. Monday evening, a watch night service at 10.30. The prayer meeting on Thursday evening, 8 o'clock. We invite you to these services. Rev. Daniel Walker, minister.

REFORMED EPISCOPAL

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH—Evangelical church services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Senior Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Junior Sunday school, 2.30 p.m. Prayer meeting, Saturday, 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion first Sunday morning and third Sunday evening. Rector, Rev. A. de B. Owen.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS—Meeting house, Fern Street, off Fort. Meeting for worship, 11 a.m.

SPIRITUAL

FIRST SPIRITUAL CHURCH, Harmony Hall, 724 Fort Street. Service, 7.30 p.m. Pastor, W. H. Barton. Trance lecture. Message circles, Monday and Thursday, 7.30. All welcome.

CHURCH OF REVELATION, Room 5, Surrey Block, 639 Yates Street. Service 7.30 p.m. Messages by Mrs. M. L. Smith. Wednesday, circle, 8 p.m.

THEOSOPHY

VICTORIA THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 101 Union Bank Building. Sunday, 8 p.m., subject, "The New Year—Cycles in Time." All welcome.

UNITARIAN

UNITARIAN CHURCH, corner of Fernwood and Balmoral Roads. Morning service only, 11 o'clock.

"The Rich Man in Hell; Lazarus in Abraham's Bosom"
Luke xvi 19-31
A greatly misunderstood Parable made plain
SPEAKER H. C. BICKELL
SUNDAY, 7.30 p.m. at "THE PLAYHOUSE," YATES STREET
Auspices International Bible Students' Association
Seats Free All Welcome No Collection

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Rev. A. K. McMinn, B.A., will Preach at Both Services
11 a.m., Children Are Specially Invited
7.30 p.m., MONTHLY MUSICAL RECITAL
INSPIRING SERVICES COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS

Hear Dr. Davies' "Morning Message"
Centennial
11 a.m., "SPINELESS CHRISTIANS"
SING, 7.30 QUESTION BOX
"Sins of Saints and Sinners"
A SERMON WITH EDGES
DR. ERNEST HALL at 8 p.m. on
"A Day With a Drug Addict"
MONDAY: Watch Night Service at 11 p.m. Special Features
"Where Religion Cheers"

FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH
Fairfield and Moss Streets John Robson, Pastor
11 a.m., "LAYING PERMANENT FOUNDATIONS"
2.20 p.m., Sabbath School
7.30 p.m., "OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD THE FUTURE"
We Invite You to Worship With Us

Metropolitan Methodist Church
Cor. Pandora and Quadra.
Rev. W. J. Sipprell, D. D., Pastor.
G. A. Downard, Choirmaster. E. Parsons, Organist.
10 a.m.—Class Meetings
11 a.m.—"THE HOPE SET BEFORE US," Dr. Sipprell
Anthem—"O Zion That Bringest Good Tidings" ..... Stainer
Contralto Solo—"God and God Alone Is Love" ..... Stephens
Miss M. V. Humphreys
(Sacramental Service)
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School Session
7.30 p.m.—"MORE ROOM FOR A GROWING WORLD," Dr. Sipprell
Christmas Carols:
Carol 1—"The First Nowell" ..... Traditional
Carol 2—"The Heralding Star" ..... Matthews
Carol 3—"There Was Silence in Bethlehem" ..... Stainer
Carol Anthem—"Ring Out Wild Bells" ..... Fletcher
Hallelujah Chorus
Welcome and Happy New Year to All

First Presbyterian Church
Corner Quadra and Balmoral Streets
Minister, REV. W. G. WILSON, M.A., D.D.
SUNDAY SERVICES
Public Worship at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.
REV. DR. WILSON will preach at both services
Following the evening service a half-hour Song Service will be held in the Hall. Visitors and newcomers are particularly invited to attend
We extend a cordial invitation to all to join with us in these uplifting services

St. Columba, Presbyterian, Oak Bay
11 a.m.—"DIVINE PROVIDENCE"
7.30 p.m.—"DESPONDENCY OVERCOME"
REV. J. H. WHITE, M.A.
Sunday School, 2.30 p.m.
All Welcome

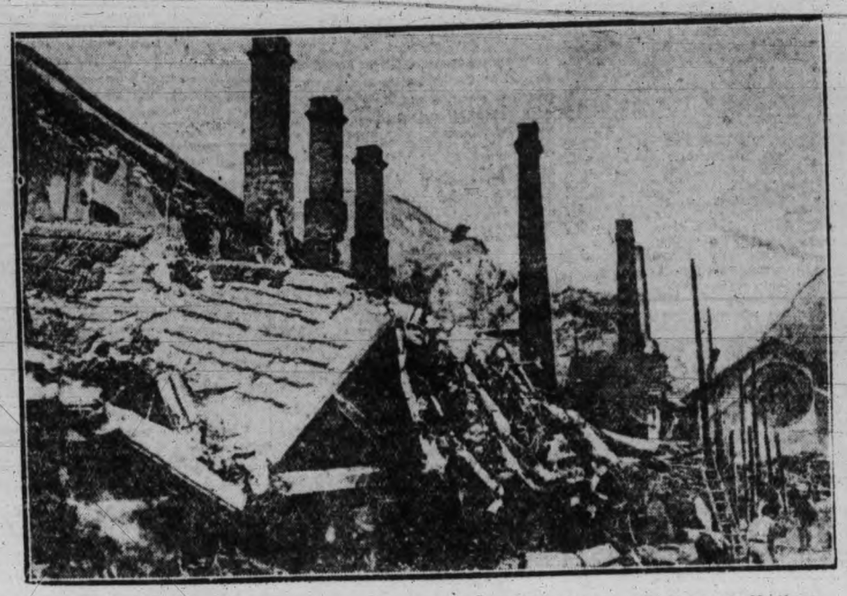
"The Land of Hope and Glory"
A Lecture will be delivered on the above subject, Sunday Next (D.V) at 7.30 p.m., in Hall, 675 Burnside Road, just off Douglas Street.
Seats Free AUSPICES OF THE CHRISTADELPHIANS No Collection

THE FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL MISSION
Fairfield Road and Chester Street (Near Cook)
Services Sunday:
11 a.m., "The 100 Per Cent Life"; 7.30 p.m., "The Water of Life"
Monday, 8 p.m., Tarrying and Watch-night Service
Meetings Thursday and Friday at 8 o'clock. Sick prayed for at any Service or our homes. You are invited to any of the Services.

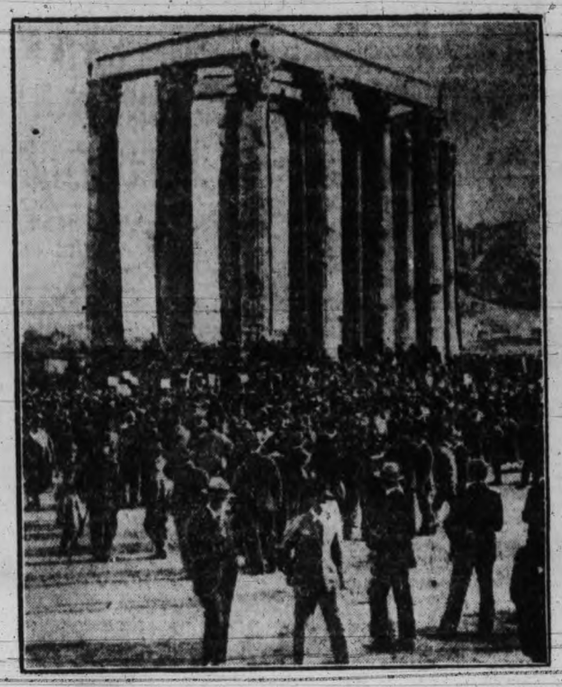
THE TIMES DAILY PICTURE PAGE

HAPPY.—Captain E. A. Ingram, who recently married the widow of Enrico Caruso, arrived with his bride in New York recently. Here they are with Gloria Caruso, the late tenor's daughter.

REGINALD M'KENNA, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, appointed as one of three members of the British Committee to examine Germany's financial situation.

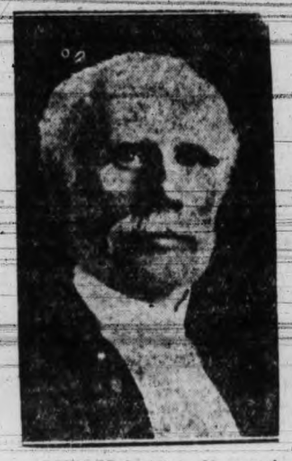


FLOOD CAUSED MANY DEATHS.—Bursting of the Lake Gleno dam, near Bergamo, Northern Italy, wrecked three villages and caused heavy loss of life.



GREEK REPUBLICANS holding an open-air meeting beside the Temple of Jupiter in Athens.

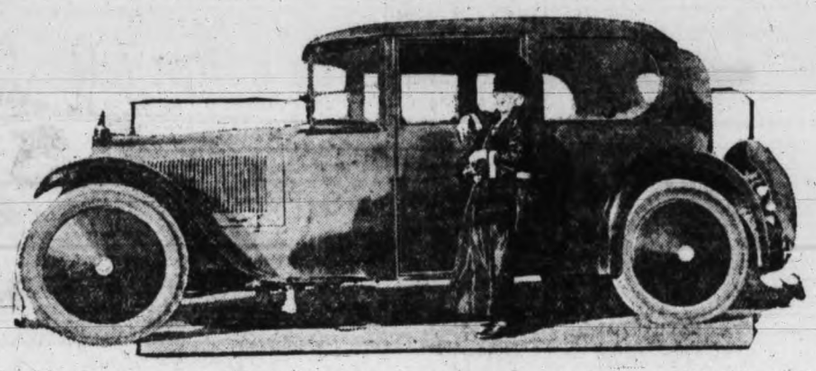
ENGLISH GIRLS ARE REAL HOCKEY STARS.—One of the most skillful and swiftest combinations of girl hockey players ever to show in America is the English all-star team which recently invaded the States. The English girls play a strong rushing game, almost masculine in its strenuosity, and few American teams have been able to check their offensive so far. A team picked of the best girl players in Philadelphia recently went down to defeat before the British visitors by the decisive score of 5 to 1. This shows a bit of action from the game.



RETIRED.—After 21 years' service Mr. Justice MacLaren has retired from the Appellate bench of the Supreme Court of Ontario. He is 81 years of age.

MONTAGU NORMAN, Governor of the Bank of England, who will be one of the British members of the experts committee to examine Germany's financial situation.

TORONTO LIKE NEW YORK HAS CHURCH WAR.—Figures in Toronto's Church War: Rev. Trevor H. Davies (left), prominent Methodist clergyman, preached in St. Anne's Anglican Church, Toronto, last Sunday, on the invitation of Rev. Canon Skey (centre), the rector. Bishop Sweeney (centre) has denounced Canon Skey as "disloyal and disobedient" for his action.



SHE'S NEARLY 90—BUT SPEEDY DRIVER.—Don't get the idea that because Mrs. John J. Hallenbeck, of Garden City, L.I., is eighty-eight, she can't drive an auto. Recently she was arrested in Miami, Fla., charged with violating the speed law. Here she is, with the car officials say she made travel sixty-two miles an hour. Her grandchildren sent notes of sympathy to her in court.

MADE BAD MISTAKE.—Somebody sent out a picture of the Duke of Sutherland and called it the photo of Dr. Jowett, the noted preacher of London and New York, who has just died. But this is the Duke all right and no one should ever take him for a solemn divine. The Duke has been Minister of Air Service in the British Cabinet and on his present trip across the Atlantic forecasts the establishment of an aerial passenger and mail service between Canada and England next July.

EDITH KELLY GOULD, divorced wife of Frank Gould, has been forbidden by the Paris courts to use the name of her former husband in connection with her stage dancing.

ALLE SAMEE UNCLE SAMMY!—Surging crowds turned out in Peking during a parade held in that city to honor the 25th anniversary of the Salvation Army in China. Uncle Sam and Miss Columbia, dressed in symbolic fashion, featured the spectacle by riding in rickshaws at the head of the column.

SCHOOL DAYS

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By DWIG

CAVE MEN.—Worcestershire, England, has a colony of cave dwellers, who live in holes in the side of a great red sandstone formation.

DR. MARX MAKES HIS FIRST ADDRESS.—A remarkably clear view of the inside of the Reichstag, Berlin, showing the new German Chancellor, Dr. Wilhelm Marx, making his first address before the body of lawmakers. Arrow indicates Marx. Note the peculiar construction of the chamber.

A PAGE OF INTEREST TO CHILDREN

What Fairies Try to Teach us All

"Someone must have flown away with the fairies," said Old Father Time as he stretched out his wand to lift the moon a little higher in the heavens. It was Christmas night and though all self-respecting clocks had struck midnight long ago, the glades were desolate. Not a fairy was to be seen anywhere. The goblins, in fact, had the woods to themselves, an unusual luxury for them.

The truth was that the fairy bands were split up into individual members, and each fairy was at the bedside of some little child. They were there on duty, too, for was their purpose not to see that each little child slept without waking? So well did the fairies do their work that every child slept clear around until morning. You see, after the exciting time of Christmas Day each would have been very ill if that child did not have a good night's rest.

Then, too, the fairies had another mission, and that was nothing less than to look into the heart of each child and discover if the kindness of Santa Claus had been deserved. Where a fairy found a cross or ill-tempered child it would make a note in a little gold book with a silver pencil. In due time Santa Claus would get a report from the fairy queen of all little children who did not deserve his kindness. Next year Santa Claus would drive right by that home without calling, for he is a busy man and his time cannot be wasted on bold children.

The fairies, however, found a wonderful state of affairs. They found that each child was fast asleep in bed, and with nothing but the best of thoughts in their dreams. There was not a single bad thought or ill-natured idea in the Children's Dreamland.

In almost every child's arms they found a doll, or a toy, or some little remembrance that had been carried all the way from the icefields by Father Christmas the night before. A smile of radiant happiness illumined each child's face, and their dreams were of the happy time they had spent on Christmas Day.

Now each little fairy had still another duty, and that was to appear before the children in their dreams and to tell them that happiness such as they had known that great day was possible every day for those who are good and kind to all in the thoughts, words, and deeds. Indeed the fairies were the busy people that night. And they succeeded marvelously well. So well in fact that when day broke, Tommy who used to be noted for his selfishness was heard to exclaim to his brothers—"Would you like to play with my toys?" and "May I do this for you?". So you see the work of Santa Claus had not been lost after all.

One thing the fairies discovered though, and that did not please them so well, was that almost every little one had had too much to eat. The fairies were not displeased because of that fact but only in fear for the consequences of the over-abundance of good food taken on that great day. They need not have worried, for when morning broke King Sleep had cured all ills and the children were up early with bright faces and merry laughs. New toys were brought out and hugged again, and indeed that day, too, was almost like a second Christmas Day.

When night came again the fairies were freed from their duty. The returned to the rose buds, the chrysanthemums, and to all the pretty flowers where they make their homes. Their duty was done, their mission ended.

Then began the great work of the year. Each fairy made a report to the fairy queen. One had found only good children. Another had found children not so good, and each had had different experiences. The fairy queen took a careful note of all names and addresses, and this is what she decided.

Each child was to have an opportunity of doing better in the bright new year that lay ahead. Every little one had twelve months in which to show that he appreciated the kindness of Santa Claus and wanted to do all they could to help him. At the end of the eleventh month the fairy queen was to give the names of all bold children to Billie Blinkie when he called, and these in turn would find their way to Santa Claus.

The fairies have no printing shops. They have to do what they wish by visiting people in their dreams or in their imaginations, when awake. But each member of the fairy band was charged with the duty of telling everyone how to please Santa Claus. The instructions they were to give the little ones, by dreams, and thoughts, and stories, ran very much like this:

"Be kind to all people at all times. Never let your temper cloud your mind and judgment. Remember a smile when at work makes work very light. Duty is a thing to be done cheerfully. Help all those feebler than yourself. Study hard to make yourself perfect at anything you take up."

This, then, is the work that will keep the fairies busy for many weeks and even months. You, Little Reader, will hear them first when you start to make New Year's resolutions. Heed them, for the fairies know, and it is thus they talk to us.

THE RIGHT WORD

A man walked into a garage where his car was being repaired, and was heard to reprimand the garage owner for telling him how to run his own car, saying: "This is my car, and what I say goes."

A moment later a tired, greasy mechanic looked from under the car and said: "Say 'Engine!' "

COMPLETES LIMERICK

Margaret Taylor, ten-year-old reader, at 1627 Burton Avenue, found an excellent line for the Limerick of last week in the following:

"On Christmas Eve, young Henry Clay,
Thought Santa would come in a sleigh.
He purposed to peep,
But instead went to sleep.
Oh! What a surprise next day!"

Was Santa Claus Kind to You?

Fast asleep in his ice hut Santa Claus is sleeping. On Christmas Eve he traveled around the world. He poked his sack into every chimney and drove many thousands of miles through the moon-lit air. Now he sleeps the sleep that only a worker knows, the dreamless sleep of those who have done their duty and done it well. By his side is another figure that of Billy Blinkie.

Billie Blinkie is having only forty winks, however, for he must be up and around every night to put sand in little children's eyes. We are not able to see him doing this but it must be he for the sand is there in the morning, alright. Billie Blinkie will be around to-night, as every other night, and just about the time Little Reader, you begin to feel that the day has been long enough he will sprinkle a little sand in your eyes. Almost before he has gone on to the next child you will be fast asleep.

Sn Santa Claus and Billie Blinkie sleep side by side away in the Far North. Outside their ice hut reindeer patrol to see that none come to harm the grand old man. Indeed who would ever think of harming Santa Claus, but the reindeer take no chances, as they patrol around and around the hut tirelessly. How long Santa will sleep is not certain but it will be several days at least Then he will awake to commence planning what his workshops must do to finish his work next year.

What did Santa Claus bring you? Did you see him? How did you spend Christmas? These and many other questions crop up in the mind at this time of year. For the best story of Santa's visit and your Christmas Day a prize of $3.00 will be given.

The competition is intended for real experiences alone. What, actually, did you do on Christmas Day and what did Father Christmas find in his sack for you?

The contest is open to all children of the age of sixteen years and under. Entries must be in by Wednesday of next week. The prize winning entry and such others as may be selected for special mention will be published as space can be found.

In writing your contribution be sure to include your name, age, and address. Make your entry the tale of Christmas Day as you found it. All entries must be in by four o'clock on Wednesday next. All your stories to the Children's Page, The Times, Victoria, B. C.

Toyland is Merry After Darkness Falls

Christmas Day had been a great affair in Toyland. Dolls, Teddy Bears, Four-Wheeled Bunnies, and a whole host of other playthings had that day broken into society, the real-life companionship of the home. Now, at midnight, little children were fast asleep and the toys had the remainder of the hours of darkness to themselves.

It was natural that the dolls should gather together. A tea party was their first thought. The materials were ready to their hands. There was the little doll table, and close by a set of tiny chairs. On a table in the nursery stood, they knew, a set of dolls' china, and even a tiny worked table cloth.

The Blue Eyed Doll acted as hostess, being the pick of the assembled belles. The Red Haired Doll took the role of waitress, and hustled dishes about the table with professional abandon. The Mama Doll was an honored guest, and given the arm chair to sit in. The Baby dolls were given chairs on which the dolls had reared a row of books so that the little dolls could see the top of the table. It was a very merry event. Tea, of course, they had to imagine, and their imagination also supplied them with cakes and chocolates innumerable.

Leaving the dolls for a moment we find that the Teddy Bear has gone hunting. With a pop-gun he is hot on the trail of the Four-Wheeled Bunny. The Bunny, however, is a wise old fellow and manages to keep some articles of furniture between himself and the hunter. Finally the Bunny makes a bolt for the Christmas Tree, and all is well.

Manned by a provisional army of tin soldiers an electric train is running around the nursery floor. The army train crews are inexperienced, however, so the engine is not often on the track.

The most extraordinary activity is happening around the Christmas Tree. There toy canaries chirp in the branch of the fir tree, and miniature turkey gobblers strut up and down under its shade. Piled in a row near the window seat paint books are turning their own leaves, while the pictures change color with the rapidity of a chamelon.

Building blocks are forming themselves into castles on the floor. Tall towers rise, and fall as the blocks form and reform themselves into fantastic shapes. Playing tag around the room in the air are two toy aeroplanes amusing themselves by chasing moths.

The nursery is a scene of great activity, though it is all noiseless. Suddenly a clock on the mantelpiece strikes the hour of one, and all the toys come to a standstill. It is at this hour that the inhabitants of the nursery sometimes wake up. It would not do for toys to be seen alive and moving while human eyes were there to watch them. The minutes tick away slowly until the clock strikes two. Now the toys are free again to play. If the children have not awakened by that hour they know they will sleep all night.

And so the night passes, until the first streaks of dawn drive all toys back to lifelessness. This is the reward of the toys for being so patient and kind all day. Every night they come out to enjoy their freedom while the little owners sleep. Even the broken and frayed toys become whole and join in the play. Many little children have tried to see the toys at play but this they are not able to do, for no sooner is a child awake than the toys go back into their wooden selves.

Thus it is that when little ones wake up in the morning their toys are seldom in the place they left them the night before. Sometimes it happens that the toys remember where they should be and go back there of their own accord. More often they arrange themselves in neat and orderly array, much in the same manner that parent would put them in tidying up a house.

There is one way we can see the toys at play and that is in our dreams. Then dolls go walking, Teddy Bears strut up and down, and all manner of funny events take place. But if we could see them clearly we would find that the toys are very happy in their own life. They are good natured, and that helps. They pass no cross words and harbor no mean thoughts, and that helps still more. In short they live together in great harmony, while in daytime they submit patiently to the changing fancy of their little owners. Be kind to your toys, Little Reader, for they are very good to you.

Pride Before Fall, Mink Misses Meal

A wild duck had been flying for many hours before the gale. It tried to alight in many different bays, only to find that each time the water was too rough to make a safe retreat. At last its flight brought it overland to where a tiny lake lay snuggled behind a belt of trees. Sheltered by the forest the waters of the lake were peaceful and calm. Here the wild duck came to rest.

It was very tired. The battle with the winds had taxed its strength heavily, and now it was hungry. To understand what this winged creature had passed through we would have to go back to the point where it started its flight. It had been one of a band that fed at the sea shore in a great bay.

The storm had split up the band until there were not two ducks left to accompany each other. Some had been killed by being dashed to pieces against obstacles in their flight. Others had made a safe landing in places nearer to civilization. The duck we are watching had flown higher and traveled further than the rest.

Food it found ready to hand in the shape of miriads of little troutlings in the lake. After an eager meal the duck paddled slowly around the margin of the water seeking a resting place for the night. At last it found a place that appealed to it. This was on a little rock that stood a few feet out from the shore of the lake at its sheltered point.

True the rock had no covering, being just a bare piece of stone that jutted out from the water, but a duck needs little, having been endowed by a kind Nature with a very warm coat of feathers and down. No longer hungry, but still very tired, the wild duck settled itself on the rock and dropped fast asleep.

The sun went down. Darkness ensued. After a while the moon climbed slowly and painfully up the clouds in the clear vault of the heavens on top. All around that lake there were noises. Birds crying in their sleep, dreaming of the day and its wonders, racoons padding about soft of foot and bright of eye. Rats paced along the logs near the shore, while in the water fish leaped after an erring moth with the abandon that told plainly they did not mind how much noise they made. A blue jay awakened in its tree to scold feebly at the noisy fish, and then promptly went to sleep again.

The duck slept on unmoving. Now a watcher at the shore would have seen much more on the surface of the water than the occasional leaping of trout. He would have seen, for instance, a deer come out of the shadows and wade into the water to drink. Water rats, such a watcher would discover, were having great fun swimming from place to place, though they did not make very much noise about it.

Such a watcher appeared presently. He was small, lean of body, and furred. Two eyes stood out with a brilliancy peculiar to the prowlers of the night. It was a mink. The prowler padded down noiselessly to the edge of the water and gazed out over the lake. It watched the fish jumping with professional interest for a while. It turned up its nose at the water rats, and their frolics.

Then the mink became conscious of the rock near the shore, and the presence of the downy stranger. The moon at this time broke free from between clouds and shone down lighting the scene to the glitter of a jewel. For a moment the mink stood as if undecided, then it stepped carefully into the water. In a second more it had waded out to its depth and was swimming rapidly towards the rock.

Now, what the prowler had not seen, and yet the one thing that was to rob it of its prey, was a despised water rat that at that moment was resting on the same rock as the duck. The rat, too, had seen the duck, but decided that the bird was too large for it to tackle, besides it was not very hungry. Whether it thought that or not the rat swam to the rock and then sat down to lick it paws and examine cuts it had just received in a sharp fight with another of its race.

As the mink was edging in to the rock the water rat caught sight of the prowler in the full light of the room. Without waiting to excuse itself the rat jumped far out into the water, and dived at once.

The noise of the diving rat awakened the duck, and it, too, saw the mink. Now a duck is a cumbersome bird. It cannot jump straight up and fly off. It has to get a little running start before its wings will support it in the air. The duck fell rather than walked to the edge of the rock and gained the air with a great flutter of wings.

The mink was not far behind in its strike. Indeed the duck lost three feathers out of its side as it finally got clear of the water, and these were torn out by the razor-like claws of the prowler. "Bother-ation," said the mink, for it was a well behaved animal and carefully brought up, "now if only that rat had not have been there."

Features For Smaller Folks

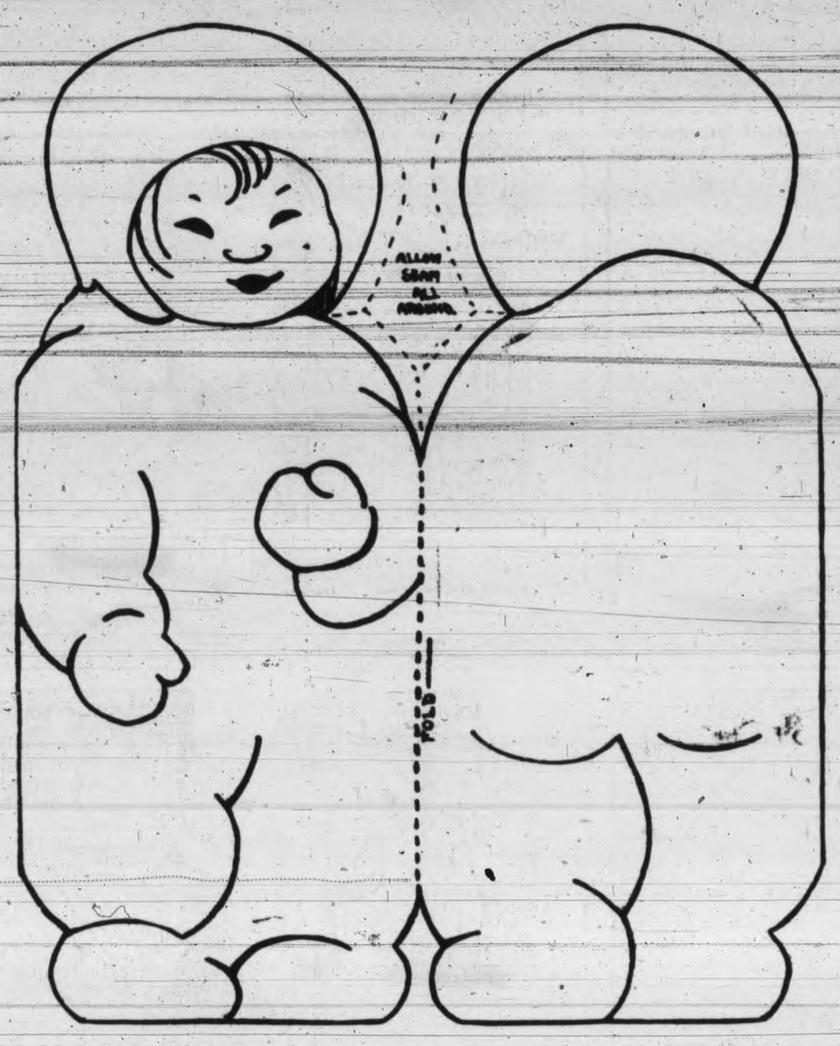
Umsquaw the Esquimaux

Here is a little Greenland girl to make. She is as cunning as the making is simple. That is, she is easy to make if you are a "middle-sized" girl and used to sewing. If not so big, Umsquaw may be made into a paper doll, because even small girls can cut, color and paste.

For a stuffed cloth dollie, take outing flannel this time, and trace the outline and all the inside lines, excepting the face, onto it. Trace the little round face into a scrap of tan or pink cloth. You can get that color in muslin probably. Embroider all the marked lines in outline stitch except the eyes, lips and little shadow which may be done solid or in satin stitch.

The face patch must be cut and a seam larger than transferred. Then turn and baste under to the line that's drawn, and baste again onto the wooly cloth. Finish around the face with outline stitch, the same as her hands and feet are stitched.

After the embroidery is done, cut the doll at least a quarter of an inch larger than the outline shown. Turn face in and stitch firmly all around except the bottom of her feet. Turn, and stuff with sawdust, cotton or finely cut rags. A strip of cardboard about one and three-quarters by seven inches gives Umsquaw a good backbone if slipped in at this time. Finish By turning in the edges and overcasting across the remaining opening.



THE DANGEROUS HEN

The three-year-old girl started down the street and stopped. Her mother saw her do so and noticed a dog a little way ahead. Supposing the child was afraid to pass the dog, she went to her help. But she found it was not the dog, but some chickens which were vigorously scratching beside the walk, that she hesitated to pass.

"Why, Betty," the mother cried, "are you afraid of chickens?"

"Yes," Betty candidly admitted, "they kicked at me."

DRUDGERY

Truth will out, even in advertisements, as another misprint shows: "Wanted, a general servant to do the work of a small horse."—London News.

Tommy Ted in Tangletown

The Cattle Train

In Tangletown (I've often heard)
The fish sleep in the trees,
And every little hummingbird
Can sing and snore and sneeze.

"Dingle, Dingle Dangle Down! All aboard for Tangletown!" Tommy Ted sat up in bed and listened with both ears. "What's the use," he thought, "of falling, when I heard a trainman calling. Can't be far—I'll catch a car before it disappears." So he ran, about a minute, saw the train and soon was in it; heard a yell, and then the bell, and then the train was going. All the seats were painted yellow, just in front he heard a bellow; near and far, all through the car, the passengers were lowing. Tommy rubbed his eyes and shivered, and his lips and chin both quivered. Such a sight would give a fright to any little brain; for the seats were full of cattle—how their horns and hoofs did rattle! Tommy Ted, all full of dread, was on a Cattle Train! "Oh," thought Tommy, "where's my ticket? How I wish I were a cricket! Then I'd hide 'way down inside that crack there in the floor." Then he heard the brakeman bawl, "Tangletown!" and that was all—Tommy Ted was in his bed, safe at home once more.

HER MARTIAL CREED

Mrs. Worth had just learned that her colored workwoman, Aunt Dinah, had at the age of seventy married for the fourth time. "Why, Aunt Dinah," she exclaimed, "you surely haven't married again!"

"Yassum, honey, I has," was Aunt Dinah's smiling reply. "Jes' as ofen as de Lawd takes 'em, so will I."

INSIDE INFORMATION

"Pa, I was the only one in the room who could answer a question today."

"What was the question?" asked the father proudly.

"Who broke the window in the cloak room?"

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM

A little girl went to see her grandmother, who was particular about spiritual affairs.

"My dear, I hope you say your prayers every night before going to bed?" said the old lady.

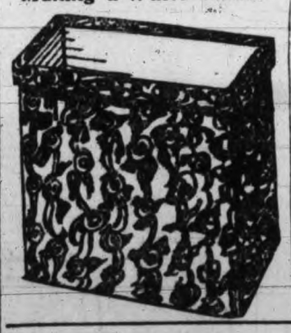
"No, gran'ma," replied the youngster.

"Why, my dear! Aren't you afraid to go to bed without asking that the good angels shall watch over you during the darkness of night?"

"No, gran'ma, I'm not afraid, cause I sleep in the middle."

Make It Yourself

Making a Waste Basket



Practical gifts for the home are always welcome, particularly when the gift is artistic as well as useful. Cretonne adds the touch of beauty to what might otherwise be more than ugly, as for example this waste-basket pictured here.

What is more convenient to have in any room than a waste-basket. There is always some bit of litter waiting to be chucked into a basket, and with this pattern before you, there is little need to be without a waste-basket and a good looking one, too.

The one pictured is made of a soap box with the slides nailed firmly together and one end removed entirely. Several strips are nailed around the open section to reinforce it, and the whole box is then covered with cretonne. This is first tacked neatly all around the outside and then the basket is lined with some plain colored cambric or other similar material. About an inch of the cretonne is lapped over the top edges and concealed by the lining.

How Real Pearls are Formed

You have probably become excited some time when you were eating oysters because you found a pearl. Likely it has been ruined by the heat of cooking, and a great many chances to one it was not perfectly formed or colored anyway, but oysters are one of the sources of pearl supply just the same and if you could look through enough of them you would likely find a real pearl—perhaps a valuable one.

The oyster of course is only one of the shell-fish family, all of whom can produce pearls under certain conditions. The shell-fish all have tender bodies, and since their shell is rather rough, even on the inside, these strange fish have a habit of lining their shells with a fluid that hardens in layers and is called mother-of-pearl.

After the shell-fish have lined their home they usually have some of this fluid left over and they use it by covering over any small particle of sand or the like that may have come in between the edges of the shell. Sometimes a grain of sand will work clear into the shell-fish and cause a great deal of irritation. In its effort to get rid of the annoyance, the fish will cover the sand and layer after layer of the fluid, until the sand is covered like an onion, coat after coat, each as smooth as silk and irridescent as the rainbow.

If the grain of sand happens to be perfectly round and some one finds this particular oyster they will have found a real pearl.

A BONE BUTTON

"G'wan, nigger, you-all ain't got no sense nohow."

"Ain't got no sense? Whut's dis y're haid fo'?"

"Dat thing? Dat ain't no haid, nigger. Dat's jes er button on top er yo body ter keep your backbone from unravelin'."

Little Folks' Limerick

A mischievous girl, Annabel
Thought mother's new hat was just swell; She cut quite a dash
With bonnet and sash—

Let's Hope Not!

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FOR THE CHILDREN

The Sandman-Story For To-night.

SPOTTY PIG MEETS MR FOX

Part I.

Spotty Pig was white with two black spots, one around one eye and and the other spot on his back. That was why his mother named him Spotty.

Spotty's mother took good care of her son and he should have been willing to stay at home and be a good pig, but he wasn't. Instead Spotty Pig wanted to see something of the world, and he thought the woods beyond his home must be the world. So one day he started off to see it.

Of course Madam Pig did not know that Spotty was going to run away. She was busy about her work and did not miss him until it was dinner time and when she called and Spotty did not come running as usual his mother knew something had happened.

"Oh, Oh," cried Madam Pig as she held her gingham apron up to her eyes. "I know old wolf has caught him or big Mr. Bear; he does so love plump little pigs like my Spotty."

"Don't you take on so," clucked Mrs. Hen. "He may have run away. You never can tell what youngsters will do. I am certain Spotty will come running home at suppertime."

But Madam Pig could not eat her dinner and when she tried to go to sleep in the sun to forget her troubles she kept waking up and grunting for Spotty.

And where was Spotty Pig all this time? Why, he had run into the woods and met Mr. Fox, who was taking a walk for his breath.

Mr. Fox did not care about pigs, but he knew that Mr. Bear did, so he thought of a plan to get Mr. Bear to help him in return for bringing right to his door a plump little pig like Spotty.

He did not tell this to Spotty when he met him, of course, but he had this in mind when he said to Spotty, "Well, my handsome fellow, where are you going?"

And when Spotty told Mr. Fox he was out to see the world Mr. Fox offered to help him see it. "How

fortunate you met me," said Mr. Fox very pleasantly. "I know about everything that is worth seeing and I will show you around.

"The first place you must got is to see Mr. Bear. He is one of the sights of the world and a very important fellow his is. He is sure to be very fond of you the minute he see you." Spotty Pig was very much flattered by this compliment and he trotted off with Mr. Fox feeling he was pretty lucky to have met such a wise creature.

Spotty was a little startled when Mr. Bear opened the door of his house and saw him, for his eyes grew bright and he made a motion as if to pick Spotty up. And Spotty did not like his teeth, which he saw in the wide open mouth.

But Mr. Fox put Spotty behind him. "Wait a minute, Mr. Bear," he said. "I have a proposal to make to you before I give this plump little fellow into your care. We will go into the house and talk it over. I am quite certain you have a place where this youngster can wait with safety, though I do not think he would run away, for he wants to see the world."

Spotty did not know what Mr. Fox meant, but somehow he felt very uncomfortable and wished he was home. Besides, he thought it must be dinner time. He was hungry, anyway, but nobody mentioned food.

Mr. Bear, with his eyes on Spotty, opened the door wide and asked Mr. Fox to come in. Then he opened a closet door and said, "Put him in there. He can't get out."

ELOQUENCE!

A man who discovered that he was standing on a woman's train had the presence of mind to remark:

"Though I may not have the power to draw an angel from the skies, I have pinned one to the earth."

She excused him.

SAFETY FIRST

He was not moved by chivalry,
Nor fear the look of scorn—
He offered her his street car seat
To keep her off his corn.

GETTING HIS NUMBER

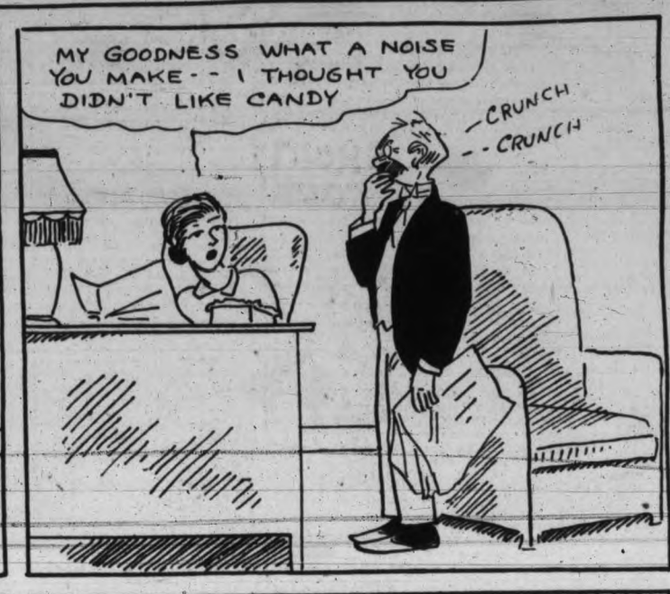
"Pa," inquired his strictly up-to-the-minute offspring, playing with his radio set, "what's the wave-length for Santa Claus?" — Boston Transcript.

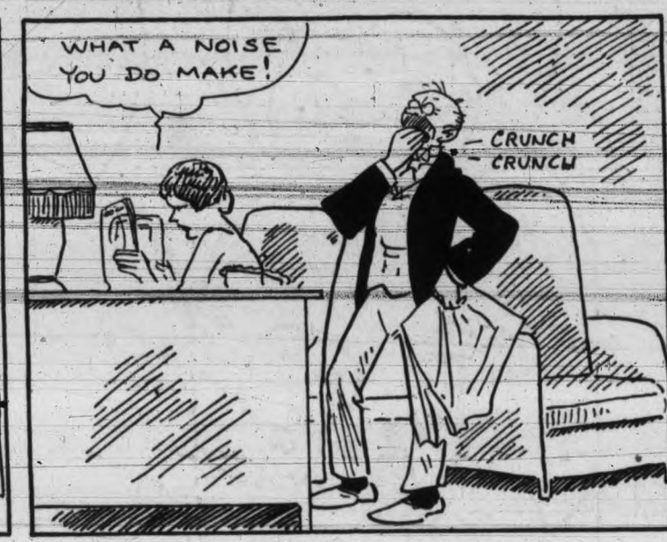
BEING PREPARED

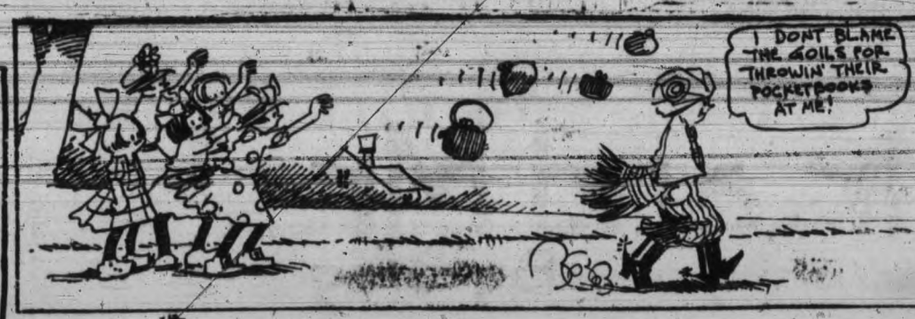
The Convalescent—Did you have my brown suit cleaned and pressed while I was in the hospital?

His Wife—No. I had your black suit fixed up. I thought that would be better in case anything should happen.—Judge.

Mr. and Mrs. - By Briggs







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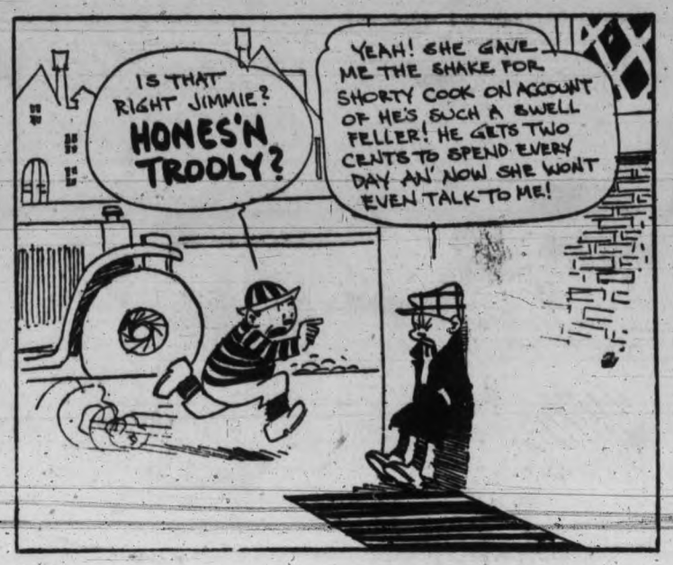

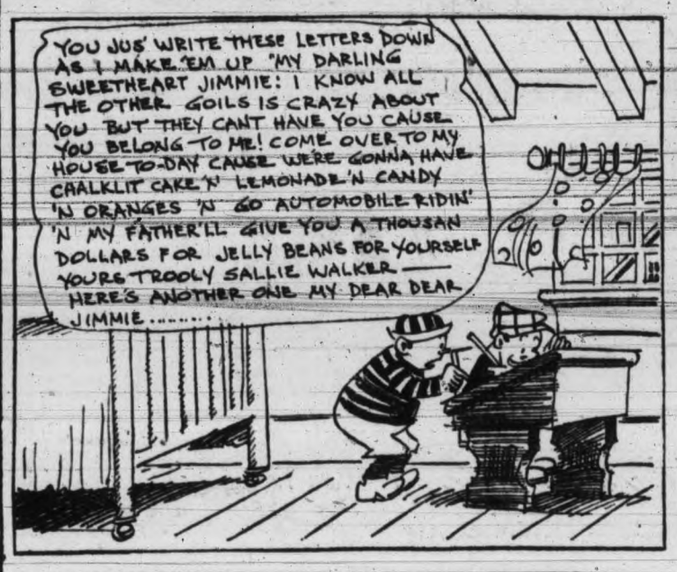

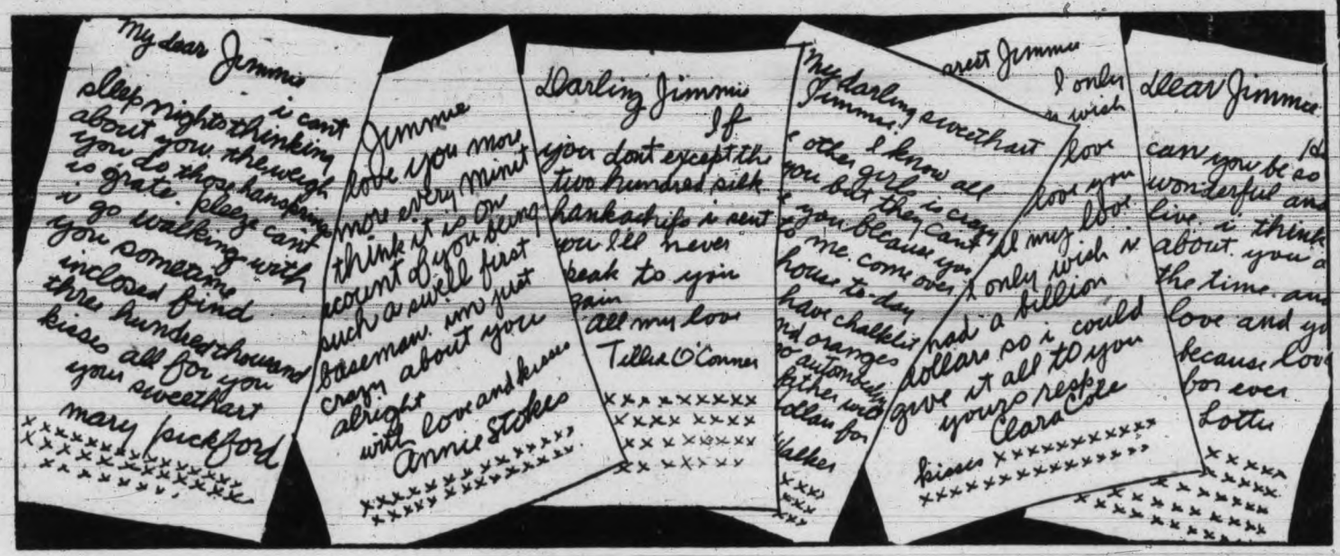

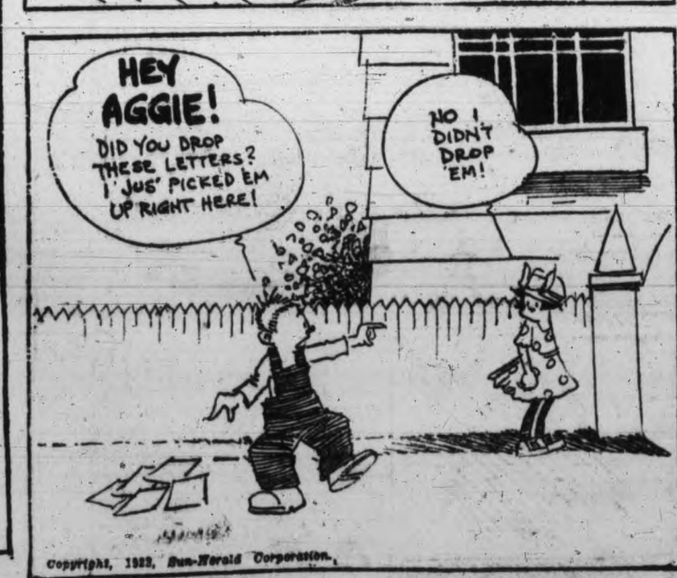

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

DIED

ROBSON—On the 28th inst., at a very early hour, there passed away Mrs. Annie Robson, widow of the late A. M. Robson, who passed away last February. The late Mrs. Robson was a native of Clapham, Kent, England, aged 76 years, a resident of this city for the past five years, formerly of Mayne Island, where she had resided for over forty years. She leaves to mourn her loss two sons, Stanley and James Robson, of Mayne Island, and three daughters, Mrs. A. Irving, of 632 Montreal Street; Mrs. (Captain) Hunter, of 445 Quebec Street, and Mrs. C. A. Dean, of Vancouver, B.C.; also eighteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, and one brother residing in England.

The remains are reposing at the Thomson Funeral Home, 1625 Quadra Street, from where the funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon (December 30), at 1 o'clock, when the Rev. F. H. Fatt will conduct the service, after which the remains will be forwarded to Mayne Island where interment will be made in the family plot.

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AN enjoyable time is promised those who attend the Hogmingy dance under the auspices of St. Andrew's and Caledonian Society on December 31. Tickets 50c.

COMING EVENTS (Continued)

A. O.U.W.—Western Star Lodge dance, in Semple's Hall, New Year's Eve, 9 to 1. Admission 50c. Refreshments. d31-8

BIG DANCE, Caledonia Hall, Saturday, Dec. 29. Good music. Ladies 25c, gents 35c. 8.30-11.30. d29-8

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DON'T FORGET Emoh Club masquerade dance, Caledonia Hall, Jan. 1. Good prizes. Ozard's orchestra. Admission $1. d31-5

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THE STEP ON THE STAIR

BY

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Taking up the chain, I ran it through the hole in the end of the key and snapping the clasp, threw the chain over my head. As I did so, I chanced to be looking at Orpha. The change in her expression was notable. With eyes fixed on the key dangling at my breast, the color which had enlivened her cheeks slowly died out, leaving her pale and slightly distraut as though she were struggling to revive some memory or settle some question she did not quite understand.

"Let me think, she murmured dreamily. "Let me think."

And we, lost in our own wonder, watched her as the color came creeping back to her cheeks, and order took place in her thoughts, and with hands suddenly pressed against her eyes, she cried:

"I see it all over again. My father, with that chain hanging just over his coat. I am in his arms—a hole—all dark—dark. He draws my head down—he stoops . . . The rest is gone from me. I can remember nothing further."

Edgar stared, Lucy glanced vaguely about the walls. Orpha dropped her hands and her glance flew to my face and not to the key this time—when with a crash! a burst of wind rushed upon the house, shaking the windows blinded with wet, and ripping a branch from the tree whose huge bulk nestled against the western wall.

They shuddered, but not I. I was thinking as I had never thought before. Memories of things said, of things done, were coming back to match the broken and imperfect ones of my confused darling.

My reasoning faculties are not of the best but I used what I had in formulating the theory which was fast taking on the proportions of a settled conviction. When I saw that I had them all expectant, I spoke. I had to raise my voice a little for the storm just then was at its height.

"What Orpha has said"—so I began—"has recalled the surprise which I felt on first entering this room. To you who have been brought up in it, its peculiarities have so long been accepted by you as a matter of course that you are blind to the impression they make on a stranger. Look at this wall."

I laid my hand on the one running parallel with the main hall—the one in which was sunk the alcove holding the head of the bed.

"You are used to the two passageways connecting the wall of this room with that of the hall where the staircase runs down to the story below. You have not asked why this should be in a mansion so wonderful in its proportions and its finish, or if you have, you have accounted for it by the fact that a new house with new walls have been joined to an old one, whose wall was allowed to stand, thus necessitating little oddities in construction which, on the whole, were interesting and added to the quaintness of the interior. But what of the space between those two walls? It cannot have been filled. If I see right and calculate right there must run from here down to the second floor, if no further, an empty space less than one yard in width, blocked from sight by the wall of this room, by that of the hall and"—here I pulled open the closet door—"by that of this closet at one end and by the wall holding the medicine cabinet at the other. Isn't that so, Edgar? Has my imagination run away with me; or is my conclusion a reasonable one?"

"It—it looks that way," he stammered; "but—but why?—"

"Ah! the why is another matter. That may be buried in Uncle's grave. It is the fact I want to impress upon you that there is a place somewhere near us, a place dark and narrow, down which Orpha, when a child, was once carried and which if we can reach it will open up for us the solution of where Uncle used to hide the papers which, according to Edgar, never went to the bank and not into any of the drawers which this room contains."

"Oh," exclaimed Orpha, "if I could only remember! But all is blank except what I have already told you. The dark—my father stooping—and a box—yes, I saw a box—he laid my hand upon it—but where or why I cannot say. Only, there is no suggestion of fear in these strange, elusive memories. Rather one of happiness, of love, of a soft peace which was like a blessing. What does it all mean? You have got up thus far, take us further.

"I will try." But I hesitated over what I had to say next. I was risking something. But it could not be helped. It was to be all or nothing with me. I must speak, whatever the result.

"Orpha, did you ever think, or you, Edgar, that there was some grain of truth in the tradition that this house held a presence never seen but sometimes felt?"

Orpha started, and, gripping Edgar by the arm, stood thus, a figure of amazement and dawning comprehension. Edgar, whom I had always looked upon as a man of most vivid imagination, appeared on the contrary to lack the power—even the wish to follow me into this field of suggestion.

"So, that's coming in," he exclaimed in a tone of open irony.

"Yes," I answered, "that's coming in; for I have had my own experience with this so-called Presence. I was coming up the stairs outside one night when I felt—Well, a little peculiar and knew that the experience of which I had heard others speak was about to be mine. But when it came, it came with a difference. I heard a cough. A sight—a sound may be supernatural—that is from the romanticist's standpoint, —but not a cough. I told Uncle about it once and I am sure he flushed. Edgar, there is a second staircase between these walls, and the Presence was Uncle."

"It may be." His tone was hearty; he seemed glad to be convinced. "And if so," he added, with a gesture towards the key hanging over my breast, "you have the means there of reaching it. How do you propose to go about it?"

"There is but one possible way. This closet provides that. Somewhere along these shelves, among these shoes and hats we shall find the narrow slit this key will fit."

Turning the bulb in the square of ceiling above me, the closet was flooded with light. When they were all in, the narrow space was filled and I was enabled to correct an impression I had previously formed. Miss Colfax was so near me I could hear her pulses beat. For all her lofty bearing she was as eager and interested as any one could be whose fortunes were not directly wrapped up in the discoveries of the next few minutes.

Calling attention to a molding running along the edge of one of the shelves, I observed quite boldly: "To my eyes there is a line there dark enough to indicate the presence of something like a slit. Let us see." And lifting the key from my breast I ran its end along the line I had pointed out till suddenly it came to a stop, entered, and, yielding to the turn I gave it, moved the lock cunningly hidden beyond and the whole series of shelves swung back, revealing an opening into which we were very nearly precipitated in our hurry and surprise.

Recovering our equilibrium, we stood with fascinated gaze fixed on what we beheld slanting away into the darkness of this gap between two walls.

A series of iron steps with a railing on one side—ancient of make, but still serviceable, offered us a means of descent into depths which the light from the closet ceiling, strong as it was, did not entirely penetrate.

"Will you go down?" I asked Edgar; "or shall I? The ladies had better remain where they are."

I was quite confident what his answer would be and I was not disappointed.

"I will go down, of course. You can follow if you wish. Lucy, Orpha, not one step after me, do you hear?"

His tone and attitude were masterful; and instinctively they shrank back. But my anxiety for their safety was equal to his. So I added my appeal.

"You will do as Edgar says," I prayed. "We must go down, both of us; but you will remain here?"

"Unless you call us."

"Unless you are gone too long."

"I will not be gone too long." And I hurried down, Edgar having got the start of me by several steps.

As I went, I noticed what settled a question which had risen in my mind since I became assured of the existence of this secret stairway.

My uncle was an unusually tall man. How could he with so many inches to his credit manage to pass under the bridge between the two walls made by the flooring of the intervening alcove. It must have caused effort—an extraordinary effort for a man so weakened, so near to being moribund. But I saw that it could be done if he had the strength and knew just when to bend his body forward, for the incline of the stairway was rapid and moreover began much further back from the alcove than I had supposed in measuring the distance with my eye. Indeed the whole construction, as I noted it in my hasty descent, was a remarkable piece of masonry built by an expert with the evident intention of defying detection except by one as knowing as himself. The wall of the inn, which had been a wooden structure, had been reinforced by a brick one into which was sunk the beams of the various bridges upholding the passage-ways and the floor of the alcove already alluded to. Hundreds of dollars must have been spent in perfecting this arrangement, but why and to what end was a question which did not then disturb me, for the immediate mystery of what we should find below was sufficiently engrossing to drive all lesser subjects from my mind.

Meanwhile Edgar had reached a small wooden platform backed by a wall which cut off all further descent, and was calling up for more light. As the stairs narrowed by the brick reinforcement of which I have spoken, were barely wide enough to allow the passage down of a goodly sized man, I could not see that it was necessary for me to remove myself from his line of vision for him to get the light he wanted. So with a bound or two I cleared the way and stood in a sort of demi-glow at his side.

A bare wall in front,—nothing there, and nothing at the right; but on the left an old-fashioned box clamped to the wall at the height of a man's shoulder. It was indeed an ancient box, and stained brown with dust and mold. There was a lid to it. This lid was half wrenched away and hung over at one side, leaving the box open. From the top protruded the folded ends of what looked like a legal document.

As our eyes simultaneously fell on this, we each made a movement and our glances clashed. Then a long deep breath from him was answered by the same from my own chest heaving to suffocation.

"We have found it," he muttered, choking; and reached out his hand.

But I was quicker than he.

"Wait," said I, pulling him back. "Before either of us touch it, listen to me. If that is the will we are looking for and if it makes you the master here, I here swear to recognize your rights instantly and without question. There will be no legal procedure and no unpleasantness so far as I am concerned."

With this I loosened my clasp.

Would he respond with a like promise? No, he could not. It was not in his nature to do so. He tried,—I felt him make a struggle, but all that resulted were some choked words in recognition of my generosity, followed by a quick seizure of the paper and a rush up the first half dozen steps. But there he stopped, his silhouette against the light making a picture stamped indelibly upon my memory.

"I've got it! I've got it!" he shouted to those above, waving the paper over his head in a triumph almost delirious.

I could not see their faces, but I heard two gasping cries and dashed up, overtaking him just as he emerged into the full light.

He was unfolding the document, all eagerness and anticipatory delight. He could not wait to reach the room itself; he could not wait even to reach the closet; he must see now—at once—while the woman he loved was within reach. A minute lost was so much stolen from the coming rapture.

I was at his shoulder eager to know my own fate, as his trembling fingers threw the covering back. I knew where to look—I endeavored to forget everything but the spot where the name should be,—the name which would tell all; I wished to see it first. I wished—

A cloud came over me, but through it as if the words blazed beyond the power of any mist to hide them I read:

Edgar Quenton Bartholomew, son of James—

Myself!

He had not seen it yet. But he would. In one more moment he would. I waited for his cry; but as it delayed, I reached over and put my finger on the word James. Then I drew back, steadying myself by a clutch on the rail running up at my side.

Slowly he took it in. Slowly he turned and gave me one look; then with a moan, rather than a cry he flung himself up and dashing by the two girls who had started back at his wild aspect, threw himself into the great room where he fell headlong to the floor.

I stood back while they ministered to him. He had not fainted for I heard him now and then cry out, "Wealthy! call Wealthy." And this they finally did. As Orpha passed me on her way to ring the bell communicating with the cozy corner, I saw her full face for the first time since Edgar's action had told her the truth. It was pale, but as I looked the blush came and as I looked again it was gone. I felt myself reeling a trifle, and seeing the will lying on the floor where he had dropped it, I lifted it up and folding it anew, put it in my pocket. Then I walked away, wondering at the silence, for even the elements warring without had their hushed moments, and creaking panes and wrestling boughs no longer spoke of tumult.

In this instant of quiet we heard a knock. Wealthy was at the door.

As Orpha stepped to unlock it, I turned again. Edgar had leaped to his feet, his eyes blazing, all his features working in rage. Lucy had withdrawn into the background, the only composed one amongst us. As the old nurse entered Edgar advanced to meet her.

"I am ill," he began. "Let me take your arm to my room. I have no further rights here unless it is a night's lodging." Here he turned towards me with a sarcastic bow. "There is your master," he added, indicating me with one hand as he reached with the other for her arm. "The will has been found. He has it in his pocket. By that you may know what it does for him and"—his voice falling—"what it does for me."

But his mood changed before he reached the door. With a quick twist of his body he took us all again within the sweep of his vision. "But don't any of you think that I am going to yield my right without a struggle. I am no hypocrite. I do not say to my cousin, 'No litigation for me.' I dare him to meet me without gloves in an open fight. He knew that the will taken from the envelope and hidden in the box below there was the one favoring himself. How did he know it?"

For a moment I forebore to answer. Evil passions raged within me. The Devil himself seemed whispering in my ear; then I remembered Uncle's own admonition and I turned and looked up at Orpha's picture and that old hour came back and my heart softened and, advancing towards him, I replied:

"I did not know it; but I felt confident of it because our uncle told me what to expect and I trusted him."

"You will never be master here," stormed Edgar, livid with fury.

"Yes, I will," I answered mildly, "for this night."

Wealthy drew him away. It would have been hard to tell which was trembling the most, he or the nurse. They left the door open. I was glad of this. I would have been gladder if the whole household had come trooping in. Orpha standing silent by the great bed; Lucy drawn up against my uncle's old chair—and I wishing the winds would blow and the trees creak—anything to break the deathly quiet in which we could hear the footfalls of those two disappearing up the hall.

Lucy, marking my trouble, was the first to move.

"I am no longer needed here," she said almost sweetly. "Orpha, if you want to talk, come to me in my room."

At that I started forward. "We will all go." And I closed the closet door and seeing a key in the lock, turned it and, drawing it out, handed it to Orpha, together with the one hanging from my neck.

"They are yours," I said; but did not meet her eyes or touch her hand. "Go with Lucy," I added, "and sleep; I pray you sleep. You have suffered enough for one night."

I felt her leave me; felt every light step she took through the passageway press in anguish upon my heart. Then the storm rushed upon us again and amid its turmoil I shut the door, dropped the hangings and sat down with bursting heart and throbbing head before her picture.

Another night of sleeplessness in this house which I had once entered in such gayety of spirits.

(To be continued.)

NEW TELEPHONE EXCHANGE IN USE TO-DAY AT DUNCAN

Expansion in the Duncan district is indicated by the opening there today of the new office of the B.C. Telephone Company. Building of this structure has been going on for some months, and of late mechanics have been busy installing the new central energy system of telephoning, which will give Duncan the same up-to-date methods of the larger cities. The building itself is of brick and stone, and a fitting addition to the town's architecture, situate at the southwest corner of Craig and Kenneth Streets.

Growth has been steady in the Duncan district during recent years, and at the beginning of December there were 740 telephones in the district. With increased agricultural production and great lumber activity in that section of the island, the B.C. Telephone Company is preparing for even greater expansion. During recent months there has also been carried out extensive construction of outside plant to give added facilities throughout the district.

The new system of telephoning went into use just after midnight, the change being effected without interruption to the service. There has necessarily been a rearrangement of numbers because of the change, but inconvenience was avoided subscribers by the distribution of a special directory containing all the new numbers and also instruction as to how to use the new instruments. Executive officers of the company went to Duncan to-day to participate in the opening.

NEW MICROPHONE IS ANNOUNCED

Westinghouse Co. Says it Picks up Sound Vibrations Hitherto Unrecorded

New York, Dec. 29—The perfecting of an electric ultra-audible microphone invented by Dr. Phillips Thomas, which it is claimed will permit scientists to record sound vibrations which now are too rapid or too faint for the human ear to catch, was announced yesterday by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company.

In its experimental stage, according to S. M. Kintner, director of research for the Westinghouse company, the microphone has been used successfully to transmit by radio the highest notes of the human voice and notes of musical instruments which the ordinary transmitter and receiver reproduce as mere noise.

USED AT SEA

Mr. Kintner declared the device had been perfected and simplified to a point where it could be used by vessels at sea in picking up the warnings of fog horns or other sound warnings beyond the range of the human ear; in studying the finer sound vibrations of organs of the human body, such as the heart and the brain, and in the realm of the entomologist who has tried in vain to pick up sounds known to be made by tiny insects but inaudible to human beings.

"The ultra-audible microphone will do for the human ear what the microscope does for the eye," Mr. Kintner said.

Dr. Thomas's device consists of a ring of insulating material on the inner side of which two tiny electrodes are set opposite. A high voltage is passed through the electrodes, producing a soft, purplish glow discharge as it flows through the air between them. This flowing light, it is claimed, is highly sensitive to sound vibrations flickering with the sounds and causing changes in the flow of current which can be transmitted to reproducing machines or recorded by a stylus.

Vancouver Island News

SCHOOL CONCERTS IN SIDNEY DISTRICT

Social Events Held During Christmas Season

Special to The Times

Salt Spring, Dec. 29.—Mrs. T. Charlesworth, of Victoria, is staying with her mother, Mrs. Price, for Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. C. Lay and family, of Thetis, are also staying with Mrs. Price.

Those who went to Vancouver for Christmas were Mrs. R. Campbell and family and Mrs. McAlpine and family.

Those who went to Victoria for the festive season were Mrs. Parson and family, Miss Tracey, Miss Byrne, Miss McGillvary and her sister, Miss Burn, the Rev. G. and Mrs. and Miss Dean, Mr. Brand, Mr. and Mrs. and Miss Scott.

HOCKEY TEAM DANCE

The Ganges hockey team gave a whist drive and dance at Harbor House, about sixteen people were present, the winners were Mrs. Crofton, Miss B. Scott, H. Allen and Mr. Wetherel.

CHRISTMAS MARKET

A Christmas market was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Elliot, clothing, hosiery, millinery, home-cooking, candies, holly and floral decorations were all on sale. The whole thing was a great success. The following were the stallholders: Mesdames Burkitt, C. Springford, B. Cartwright, F. Scott, A. Williams, Palmer and Harvey.

SCHOOL CONCERTS

The school concert was given in Mahon Hall. The hall was prettily decorated. The hall was crowded. There was a large Christmas tree with oranges and presents for the fifty pupils. The ladies of the piano fund committee served refreshments and cleared about $50 for the piano fund. The following is the programme: Tableau, Good King Wenceslas; recitation, "Two Little Stockings," by E. Caldwell; playing school by ten boys and girls; piano duet, by P. Taylor and D. Elliott; a play, "Christmas Capers," by ten boys and girls; dance, by P. Taylor; a dialogue, "Playing Grown Ups," D. Crofton and N. Elliott; recitation, "Why?" by B. Campbell; "A Trained Menagerie," by boys; dance of the fairies, by girls; recitation, "A Christmas Carol," by D. Beddis; chorus, a Christmas carol, brought the entertainment to a close. Mr. Brand and Miss Byrne are to be congratulated on the children's performance.

The Burgoyne Bay and Isabella Point schools gave their concert at the Institute Hall, Fulford, which was prettily decorated with evergreens and balloons. The programme was as follows of the Isabelle Point School: Song, by the school, "Jingle Bells"; recitation, "My Christmas Dinner," by P. Shephard; dialogue, "The Snow Brigade," by five boys; song, "Won't You Buy My Pretty Flowers," by Vernice; recitation, "Hot Dog," by H. Rowland; song, "Wirts," by K. Tahouney; dialogue, "Christmas Questions"; duet, "Pretty Maid," by V. Shepard and L. Rowland; "Pucker Up and Whistle," by three girls; dialogue "Wencelas."

The Burgoyne Bay School programme was as follows: "Brownie and Snowflake Drill," by ten juniors; recitation, "The Invalid," by D. Lee; "Florence Entertains the Music," by E. Mollet; song, "The Three Old Maids of Lee," by E. Mollett, C. Shaw and W. Douglas; monologue, "Bed Time," by A. Urquhart; recitation, "The Seasons," by S. Trage; song, "Dolly Varden," by four girls; dialogue, "The Bascombs Go to Tobyville," by W. Douglas and K. Mollet; dance and tableau by the school.

Mr. Jackson, as Santa Claus, then gave out presents. A dance followed, Mr. and Mrs. Ruckle, Miss King and Hepburn supplied the music.

IS DIRECTOR OF CEDAR CREEK CO.

Nanaimo, Dec. 28.—David T. Ashley, one of the directors of the Cedar Creek Mining Co., is spending the Christmas holidays with his brother-in-law, W. L. Dunn, Dominion Express agent here. Nanaimo still has attractions for Mr. Ashley, who was manager of the Union Bank of Canada in 1911 and 1912, and always enjoys a visit to Nanaimo. He has been fortunate in getting an interest in Cedar Creek Gold Mines, and has made a number of trips into Cariboo.

Mr. Ashley looks for some big development work in the Cedar Creek District as well as Horsefly and Antler Creek country, Cariboo.

Mr. Ashley states that work done by the Department of Mines on roads in the Cedar Creek District will be of great benefit to the companies operating there as well as mining men and prospectors. One can now get to these districts with large motor trucks and touring cars without any trouble.

The amount of production and testing of ground done by Cedar Creek Mining Co. and Murray MacGregor Mining Co. Ltd., will doubtless result in some very big gold production when Spring opens. These companies have well-equipped camps and some of the best placer miners in the country intend going there early in the Spring.

Mr. Ashley took some interesting photographs of the placer workings on the Stevens and Sheridan leases.

TAX REDUCTION IN UNITED STATES

Secretary Mellon's Bill Before Committee of House of Representatives

Washington, Dec. 29.—The complete text of Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's new tax bill has been made public by Chairman Green of the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives. The committee will resume its study of the bill as soon as Congress re-assembles on January 3.

One of the principal revisions provided in the bill is a reduction of surtax rates so that the surtax would begin at one per cent. on net incomes from $10,000 to $12,000, with graduated increases and a maximum of twenty-five per cent. on net incomes of $100,000 or more.

Under the present law the surtax begins at one per cent. on net incomes between $6,000 and $10,000 and scales upward to a maximum of fifty per cent. on net incomes exceeding $200,000. The new bill also provides that the normal tax on incomes shall be three per cent. where it is now four per cent. and six per cent. where it is now eight per cent.

Provision also is made in the bill that twenty-five per cent. of "earned income" shall be counted as exempt in compiling income tax returns.

The bill proposes outright repeal of the present taxes on telegrams, telephones and radio messages and theatre admissions and of certain other amusement taxes.

WAR BILLS FIGURED TO LAST PENNY

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was 258,397,100 empty and 218,280,586 filled shell.

WAR MATERIALS OUTPUT AND BUILDING TANKS

Production of high explosives was built up from 11,891 tons in the last quarter of 1915 to a peak of 259,665 tons in 1917, and a total for the war of 603,364 tons, of which 200,534 tons were TNT and 332,193 tons were ammonium nitrate. Propellants, including cordite, ballistite and NCT, increased from 12,967 tons in 1915 to a peak of 204,809 tons in 1917, and a war total of 432,183 tons.

For trench warfare a total of 19,036 trench mortars and howitzers were put out and 16,994,314 rounds of ammunition for them. The output of hand grenades was increased from 2,152 in 1914 to a peak of 34,867,968 in 1918, and a total of 100,102,719 for the war.

Machine guns were increased from 274 in 1914 to an output of 120,864 in 1918, and a war total of 239,846, while rifles, numbering 120,093 in 1914, were built up to a peak output of 2,123,287 in 1917 and a war total 5,090,843, of which 1,170,850 were manufactured in the United States. The war total of small arm ammunition for machine guns and rifles was 8,637,112,000 rounds, of which 876,587,000 rounds were manufactured in the United States.

The first tanks, a British device in origin, were built during the last half of 1916, 150 of them. During 1917 the output was 1,277 and during 1918 it was 1,591, giving a total output of 3,018 tanks.

U.S. RANCHERS IN NORTHERN MEXICO MAY LOSE LANDS

San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 29.—United States ranchers in Northern Mexico face confiscation of their lands under a recent decree published by the Mexican Government, according to a message received by The San Antonio Express from Louis J. Magenis of Del Rio, Texas. Hundreds of thousands of acres are said to be involved.

The decree, said to have been published in the official organ of the State of Coahuila, December 5, is signed by R. P. De Negri, Minister of Agriculture of Mexico. It stated that the concession of June 23, 1881, for the measuring and bounding of idle lands was given under condition that these lands should be colonized and that this condition has not been complied with. Therefore the titles to these lands are declared to be annulled and the lands returned to the Dominion of the nation.

TWO BURNED TO DEATH

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—Workmen discovered the bodies of John A. Metzger and Henry J. Erb, fifty-five, locked together in each other's arms here late yesterday in the smouldering ruins of Hughes & Sons' lumber plant, which was destroyed by fire Thursday.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET

Time of sunrise and sunset (Pacific standard time) at Victoria, B.C., for the month of December, 1923:

Day	Sunrise Hour	Sunrise Min.	Sunset Hour	Sunset Min.
5	7	49	4	29
6	7	50	4	30
7	7	51	4	31
8	7	52	4	32
9	7	52	4	33
10	7	53	4	34
11	7	55	4	35
12	7	56	4	36
13	7	57	4	37
14	7	58	4	38
15	7	59	4	39
16	7	59	4	40
17	8	00	4	41
18	8	01	4	42
19	8	01	4	43
20	8	02	4	44
21	8	03	4	45
22	8	03	4	46
23	8	03	4	47
24	8	04	4	48
25	8	04	4	49
26	8	05	4	50
27	8	05	4	51
28	8	05	4	52
29	8	05	4	53
30	8	06	4	54
31	8	06	4	55

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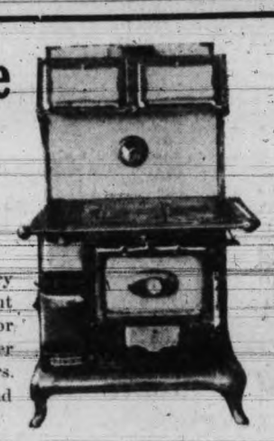

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ISSUES LEASE FOR TWO YEARS

City Deals With Willows Park Tenure

Lengthy Debate Precedes Renewal to Agricultural Association

The B. C. Agricultural Association was granted a two-year lease of the Willows Park by the City Council yesterday afternoon, after a lengthy discussion. The draft of the lease was prepared by the solicitor in consultation with the Mayor, and provided that any profit which might be be made should be spent on the grounds in improvements.

"The B. C. Agricultural Association is the only fair which has paid its way this year, and if the association has to pay the taxes, it cannot make any improvements," said Alderman Sangster, general secretary of the association. He argued that the association should receive the lease tax free. In Vancouver and New Westminster neither cities taxed their agricultural grounds, he said, and made grants in aid.

Alderman Dewar believed that with Oak Bay receiving the revenue in form of taxes it should police the Willows grounds.

Alderman Woodworth argued that the lease should be open for public tenders.

CONFLICTING OPINIONS

Alderman Sangster retorted that the last named alderman was unaware that the by-law passed by the electors required the premises to be leased to the Agricultural Association.

"The citizens are not getting the best out of the property," said Alderman Woodward.

Alderman Todd also asserted that the Willows Park was not giving the results promised. Unless it could be shown at the end of two years that a real sports ground was created, he would recommend the lease of the property for commercial purposes, or its sale in lots.

The exhibition was a putrid one, said Alderman Leeming, amid indignant denial from Alderman Sangster. The former declared that the horse races killed proper exhibitions, as they all knew.

Alderman Leeming went on to suggest that the council should insist on a clause prohibiting racing with pari-mutuel betting at times of exhibition.

DEFENDS HORSE RACING

A vigorous defence of the horse racing feature was made by Alderman Andros, who said without betting there was bound to be a deficit for any show presented.

Alderman Dewar thought some revenue should be obtained from the sports clubs.

The value of the grounds at Willows Park for sports purposes was shown on a number of days in the week, said Alderman Gillespie.

Then, asked Alderman Woodward was it true, as stated to the Parliamentary Committee, that the Oak Bay clubs did not use the property? Was it not the case that a number of Oak Bay schools and clubs used the grounds? The Parliamentary Committee was told that the taxes would be remitted if the Oak Bay residents used the property, the speaker said.

About twenty-five per cent., observed Alderman Gillespie, who mentioned offhand the Oak Bay Wanderers and Cranleigh House School, as using the grounds regularly.

VICTIM OF EFFICIENCY

Alderman Sangster resolutely defended the association, saying he took over the exhibition when it was $18,000 in debt in 1909, and he had pulled it up, and made the situation satisfactory. In that time he had created a great many enemies in trying to run the exhibition fairly, and these enemies had come to the aldermen and damaged his prestige. He would shortly close his connection with the association, and he hoped personalities would not continue to hurt the exhibition. The profits in 1923 had saved the city at least $5,000, escaping the promised grant of that amount.

The resolution to approve the lease was then adopted, Alderman Sangster formally being recorded as not voting thereon.

The lease contains a provision that the association shall "take all such steps as may be necessary to popularize the said lands or portions thereof by sportsmen generally of all classes, and that it will upon as reasonable terms as possible, permit the use of the said lands for clean and wholesome sport of every description."

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ONLY RESULT WAS LAWYER'S BILL

Council Hears Echo of Lord's Day Act Agitation of 1922

An echo of the failure of the City Council early in 1922 to alter the Lord's Day Act to meet changed conditions was heard in the City Council yesterday when a bill from the Parliamentary agents at Ottawa was presented.

Alderman Todd stated that the act was a very great handicap to the police departments, and members of the police commissioners of every city in Canada. "It places everybody in a municipal police force," he declared, "from the most humble policeman to the chairman of the police commission, in an unfair and improper position, and that position is entirely due to the action to the Parliament of Canada."

If the Parliament of Canada had done its duty it would have rectified the defects in the act. It was a very regrettable thing after proper representations that the only result was to have a solicitor's bill, Alderman Todd said.

The motion to pay the bill passed, the amount being $102.76 due to Belcourt & Leduc, of Ottawa.

MACNICOL WILL RUN AGAIN IN SAANICH

Councillor For Ward Two Presents Annual Report to Ratepayers

Councillor Robert Macnicol last night announced his intention of running in the 1924 elections in Saanich, which will take place in January. The councillor presented his annual report to the people of Ward Two at the Cloverdale School, and a vote of thanks was passed by the association for his services during his term of office, and the organization pledged its support to him in the coming election by a unanimous vote.

In his report, Councillor Macnicol stated that the people of Saanich as a whole were rather apathetic to the doings of the council during the year, and pointed out that this was a serious mistake in the attitude of the electors towards their representatives in municipal affairs. He urged that the people of his ward take some greater interest in municipal affairs as they concerned the whole of Saanich, rather than think only for the comparatively small portion of the district in the ward.

POINTS OF YEAR'S WORK

He spoke of the progress made by the Health Centre, under the able guidance of Mrs. Lucas. He mentioned the opening of the inter-municipal cemetery, stating that although he was unfavorable to the purchase of the site at present occupied, he wished the project every success, and hoped for the best in the future.

He explained the attitude of the council in connection with the bond of ex-Municipal Clerk Cowper, and its silence upon this matter until lately. Secrecy in the dealings of the council with the bonding company had been kept, while there was any probability of an amicable settlement or compromise on the part of that company. When all likelihood of an agreement had passed the council was quite open in its statements to the public, he observed. The damage was done, however, and Saanich had to face the circumstances as they stood, he concluded.

Running over the work of the council for the year, the speaker mentioned the race track referendum, which he had supported, but which the council had seen fit to discourage. He spoke of the improved pound laws, which now made private property, fenced or unfenced, safe from encroachment by stray cattle. The changing of the duplicate street names was a matter for which he was personally responsible, to a great extent, and although there might be some confusion at first, he felt that in time the action of the council would prove beneficial.

MUNICIPAL BUSES

The bus line report, as it so vitally concerns Ward Two, was a matter upon which the speaker laid stress. Despite the outlay in equipment, licenses, reapiring, maintenance, drivers' caps, badges and salaries, gas and oil, tires and other expenses included, the line had showed a net profit of approximately $4,500 in the past nine months. After paying off indemnities there was left of this sum in the general fund approximately $500, he said.

Meter rents, traffic by-laws, the ward system of voting, wage and tax quetsions, all were dealt with briefly by the speaker.

The councillor answered many questions, all were dealt with briefly in connection with these matters, and secured their hearty approval of his work during the year.

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LICENSE FEES TO BE INCREASED

Opposition Before Legislature Committee Complicates Situation

Criticisms of the opposition offered by representatives of the banking and certain corporation interests before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature when the city was endeavoring to secure control of the licensing powers were voiced by the City Council yesterday.

Alderman Todd strongly criticized the opposition encountered, and argued that the adjustments which ought to be made had been jeopardized by the action of the banking interests themselves. He was speaking to an amendment of the schedule of the Trades License By-law, which received a number of changes effective for the half year ending July 15, in other words the next collection of fees will be on the new basis.

Alderman Todd pointed out the situation which was presented by a large bank like the Bank of Montreal, with three downtown premises, only one of which could be charged the maximum fee as a local headquarters of the bank, compared with three or four of the smaller banks with only one or two branches in Victoria, employing only a few clerks.

The aldermen all agreed that the system in pressing on the small banks was unjust, but said the opposition of the bankers themselves had brought about the present unsatisfactory condition, preventing an adequate grading according to number of employees.

Alderman Ker instanced some cases where graduation of fees was essential to the small banks with three or four clerks.

Alderman Andros said the policy of the Council should be to encourage the small banks, because the whole tendency in Canadian banking was to absorb the smaller institutions and thus enable a few banks to get the public in their maw and squeeze. He was not in favor of penalizing the small banks because some persons did not fall in with the views of Alderman Todd.

Alderman Dewar remarked that there might be some case against giving the aldermen unlimited powers in license fees.

To this Alderman Todd and the Mayor replied that a limit of a year was given to test out the proposed change.

Alderman Leeming stated the Council policy had been to secure powers to adjust the inequalities, but the banks themselves had discouraged action by refusing to aid the Council before the Private Bills Committee of the Legislature.

OTHER CHANGES

The fees for places of amusement will be raised in May, effective for the second half year of 1924, it was decided, owing to the reduction in the amusement tax at the last session of the Legislature.

An increase was made in the license fees for telephone companies, electric light companies, gas companies, street railways and power companies.

The fee for each section of a department store was raised to $30 per half year; stevedoring companies to $75, and breweries to $450. Increases were also made in the fees for foundries, machine shops, sawmills, shingle mills, lumber manufacturing concerns and automobile dealers.

The amending by-law will be up for final passing on Monday.

Christmas Tree at St. John's School

There was a very large attendance at the annual Christmas tree for St. John's Sunday School.

After the children's appetites had been satisfied to the full with the good things provided by Mrs. Carter, the teachers and helpers of the school enjoyed their share of the banquet. A large audience of interested parents and friends of the children enjoyed the programme in which every department of the school took part, from the tiny primary scholars to the A.Y.P.A. Bible Class. The Rector, Rev. F. A. P. Chadwick presided. During his remarks Mr. Chadwick took occasion to express his great appreciation of the devotion and ability of W. R. Sayer, who for ten years has been superintendent of the school. Mr. Chadwick congratulated the staff of teachers who were doing, he stated, a splendid work in St. John's Sunday School, training the future Christian citizens of this community. The programme was prepared under the direction of Mrs. A. Ward, assisted by Mrs. Walkem, and the Misses Moorhead, Ella Chafe, Enid Flint, Madge Randall, Nicholl and Graves, and Carter.

The Christmas tree, with Santa Claus, given by the Canadian Girls in Training class proved most popular with the small scholars. During the evening a beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Mrs. Ward on behalf of the teachers.

The following took part in the programme—Carol, primary class, instructed by Miss Moorhead; duet, Mrs. and Miss Walkem; nursery rhymes, classes 1 and 2, instructed by Miss Chafe; piano solo, Iris Turpell; hornpipe, James Duncan; "What Is Christmas," Miss Flint's class; recitation, Isabel Carswell; "The Alarm," by the boys basketball team; piano solo, May Gibson; "The Operation," A. Y. P. A. boys; star drill, Miss Randall's class; piano trio, Iris, Violet and Lily Kirby; Spanish dance, Ivy and Dorothy Walkem; "Yes We Have No Bananas," boys' group, instructed by Mrs. Ward; piano solo, Evelyn Stoddart; "The Horridness of Slang," Girls' Group, instructed by Miss Graves; "The Seasons," Miss Nicholl's class; tableaux, A. Y. P. A.; girls' Christmas tree, given by the senior C.G.I.T. girls.

TAX RULING IS MADE IN ONTARIO

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Holding that residents of Ontario can not be assessed in two municipalities within the province, Judge O'Brien, in the county court here yesterday, sustained the appeal of Senator and Mrs. A. Hardy, who were assessed under the local assessment measure for $100,000, and $25,000 income, respectively.

The appellants contended they were residents of Elizabethtown, near Brockville, and had purchased their Ottawa residence only to live in during the sessions of Parliament. The court of revision upheld the assessment commissioner, but an appeal was taken to the County Court.

TAX SHORTAGE LESS THAN 1922

Return on Local Improvements to be Presented; Other Matters

A return was ordered by the City Council yesterday afternoon of the relation of the local improvement levy to the amount raised. The return was sought after the finance committee had reported the general tax collections at $1,524,484.42 out of a sum of $1,858,985.68 levied for. A shortage of $334,501.26 was thus shown.

Alderman Todd pointed out that in the return the local improvement figures were not presented, and he asked for the data to be given.

Until this supplementary return is ready, the Council will not deal with the return, and tabled the statement.

J. R. Westcott, of 2628 Fernwood Road, will acquire by exchange and payment of $180, being the difference in the assessment of the lots, the northeast corner of Cook and Oxford Streets, to erect a store thereon, at the cost of $4,000. The lot surrended is on Howe Street, between Dallas Road and Faithful Street.

SINKING FUND INVESTMENTS

For $25,000 C.N.R. 7 per cent. bonds due December 1, 1940 now held by the city, purchased at 117 and accrued interest, and a cash payment to the city of $178 are to be exchanged for £4,600 City of Victoria 4 per cent. bonds due 1937 at 84.64 and accrued interest, £1,800 City of Victoria 4 per cent. bonds due 1962 at 74.00 and accrued interest, £1,000 City of Victoria 4 per cent. bonds due 1938 at 74.34 and accrued interest, a total of $36,012.90. The annual profit will be $492.

The plans for widening Fort Street between Pandora Avenue and Foul Bay Road were approved and the City Solicitor authorized to prepare the necessary by-law to make it effective. The question of rounding and widening dangerous corners on various streets was referred to the new Council.

BRIDGE OPENING

Formal notice that the Johnson Street Bridge would be ready for use on January 11 was received from City Engineer Preston.

Approval was given to alterations to the Romano theatre, owned by the city and leased to the Quaglliotti interests, as required by the theatrical building regulations under direction of the censor.

CURTIS POINT CAMP

The Council tried once again without success to deal with the question of the unpaid bills of the Curtis Point Automobile Camp, managed by three trustees.

Alderman Leeming moved that the account up to the extent of $1,100 should be paid, being the deficit less the auditor's, and engineer's accounts.

A suggestion came from Alderman Sangster to defer the subject, to the incoming council.

"Personally I am thoroughly of opinion that this account should be paid, but I am willing to leave the matter over for the next meeting," said Alderman Todd.

Mayor Hayward and Alderman Woodward said they had not yet received their copies of the report of the trustees.

Under those circumstances action on the account was deferred.

Based on the audited statement of the tourist camp, of assets of $1,194.10 for floating washhouse, and $3,092.62 improvements, a total of $4,286.72, Alderman Andros argues that the allowance by the city of $3,500 early in the season, plus the earnings of the camp of $1,698.80, together with a shortage of $1,700, leaves a total of $6,898.80, that has been expended, or twice the total of the amount originally estimated by the trustees at the commencement of the season.

REVISE TABLE OF PRECEDENCE

New List is Issued From Downing Street

A revised list of precedence for Canada has been gazetted at Ottawa on the direction of the Colonial Secretary, under a minute of the Colonial Office, Downing Street, adopted early this month.

It is as follows:

1. The Governor-General or Officer Administering the Government.
2. The Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario.
3. The Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec.
4. The Lieutenant-Governor of Nova Scotia.
5. The Lieutenant-Governor of New Brunswick.
6. The Lieutenant-Governor of Manitoba.
7. The Lieutenant-Governor of British Columbia.
8. The Lieutenant-Governor of Prince Edward Island.
9. The Lieutenant-Governor of Saskatchewan.
10. The Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta.
11. The Prime Minister of Canada.
12. Archbishops and Bishops according to seniority.
13. The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, the General Superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, and the corresponding head of the Baptist Church in Canada.
14. Members of the Cabinet according to seniority.
15. The Chief Justice of Canada.
16. Members of the Privy Council not of the Cabinet according to seniority.
17. The Speaker of the Senate.
18. The Speaker of the House of Commons.
19. The Prime Ministers of the Provinces of Canada.
20. The Chief Judges of the Courts of Law and Equity according to seniority and the Judge appointed to perform the duties of Chief Justice at Quebec and Montreal.
21. The Puisne Judges of the Supreme Court of Canada according to seniority.
22. Judges of the Exchequer Court of Canada.
23. The Solicitor-General of Canada.
24. Members of the Senate.
25. Puisne Judges of the Courts of Law and Equity and of the Exchequer Court, according to seniority.
26. Members of the House of Commons.
27. The Chief of Staff National Defence, the Director of Naval Services and the Director of the Air Force provided they are of the rank of Major-General or its equivalent or higher rank.
28. Members of the Executive Council, Provincial within their Province.
29. The Speaker of the Legislative Council within his Province.
30. Members of the Legislative Council within their Province.
31. The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly within his Province.
32. Members of the Legislative Assembly within their Province.

Note—Judges at present on the retired list and judges at present holding office but who shall retire after the date of the new table shall not be affected as to precedence given to them by the old table.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 29, 1898.

Alberni, Dec. 27.—Two men were brought up in court here to-day charged with personation at the recent provincial election, at the polling booth at Ucluelet.

T. J. McNamara, who recently returned from Moosehide Creek, in the Klondike, tells of the finding of the complete skeleton of a mastodon on his claim.

Rev. Ralph W. Trotter, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, received a call yesterday from the management of the First Baptist Church in Rossland.

DR. KLOTZ WAS FREQUENT VISITOR

Determined Correct Location of Victoria on Map of World

Occupied Leading Standing Among Profession in Canada

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—Dr. Otto Julius Klotz, director of the Dominion Observatory here, died last night in his seventy-first year.

Dr. Klotz had been a frequent visitor to the city in the past thirty-eight years, and he is the man who "put Victoria on the map," because during his determination of the transcontinental longitudes of cities, he scientifically determined the location of Victoria by latitude and longitude, and the monument was placed in 1885 in the garden of the Driard Hotel, afterwards built upon, and now occupied by the Broad Street frontage of David Spencer, Limited.

Dr. Klotz was born in Preston, Ontario, March 31, 1852, and was educated at the Galt Grammar School, the University of Toronto (from which he matriculated in medicine and engineering, obtaining the medical scholarship of $120), and the Universities of Michigan and Pittsburgh. Toronto gave him his LL.D. in 1904.

After exploring the north shore of Lake Superior, he returned to take up private practice as a doctor in Guelph and Preston. He entered the service of the Dominion Government in 1879 with the topographical surveys branch of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa. His work as a surveyor gave him unique and picturesque experiences. Not only did he survey big areas of the prairies of the Northwest, but he undertook exploration work along the Saskatchewan and Nelson rivers to Hudson Bay in 1884. On the Nelson River he encountered several relics of the ill-fated Franklin expedition. One of his earlier visits to Victoria was at the time that he began his transcontinental longitude determinations of the Pacific coast eastward in 1885. He made a survey of the C.P.R. through the Rocky Mountains and the Selkirks as a basis for the delimitation of the forty-mile railway belt granted by British Columbia to the Dominion in 1886, and was the first to determine the heights of the principal mountains along the railway, naming many of the peaks.

ON BOUNDARY SURVEY

Still other occasions on which he visited Victoria were in 1889 and again in 1893-94, when he was sent on boundary survey missions to Alaska. In 1892 he was associated with Transatlantic longitude surveys; he was sent on a survey mission to Russia in 1898, and, as head, in 1903-04, of the survey for Transpacific longitude both he and Canada gained much credit, as this completed the first astronomic girdle of the world.

He was a member of a great number of scientific societies, in 1884 being made the first president of the Association of Dominion Land Surveyors, and among his subsequent distinctions becoming a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society of London, England. He was chosen president of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, Ottawa, in 1908.

HIS RECENT WORK

Dr. Klotz was a voluminous contributor of articles on astronomy, mathematics and seismology, which appeared in scientific journals and popular journals of science, and he belonged to the Authors' Club, London.

Dr. Klotz was perhaps the earliest astronomer in Canada and had been connected with Government astronomical research and survey work for about fifty years. It was with Dr. King that he was first associated in the surveys of international boundaries and the laying out of the base lines for the Northwest Territories.

It was on the death of Dr. W. F. King in recent years that Dr. Klotz was appointed to succeed him as director of the observatory at Ottawa, where he had occupied the position of assistant director for some time. Last year he went to Rome as representing Canada at the International Astronomical Union sessions.

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The WEATHER

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Victoria, Dec. 29.—5 a.m.—The barometer is rising over Northern B.C. and cold weather is spreading southward over this Province. Intensely cold weather is becoming general in the prairies.

Reports

Victoria—Barometer, 29.81; temperature, maximum yesterday, 43; minimum, 35; wind, 12 miles W.; rain, .40; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 29.78; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 32; wind, 4 miles N.E.; rain, .36; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.76; temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; minimum, 18; wind, 4 miles W.; snow, 1.2; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 14; minimum, 2; weather, cloudy.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles N.E.; weather, clear.

Estevan—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .12; weather, clear.

Tatoosh—Barometer, 29.82; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 40; wind, 16 miles W.; rain, .28; weather, fair.

Portland, Ore.—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yestreday, 54; minimum, 36; wind, 8 miles S.W.; rain, .24; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, maximum yesterday, 56; minimum, 50; wind, 4 miles S.E.; weather, cloudy.

Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 31; snow, 8.1 ins.

Temperature

	Max.	Min.
Victoria	43	35
Vancouver	38	32
Seattle	44	..
Penticton	34	..
Kamloops	55	..
Calgary	24	—14
Edmonton	8	—20
Qu'Appelle	..	—22
Winnipeg	8	—14
Toronto	36	..
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Montreal	32	..
St. John	26	..
Halifax	32	..

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